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Shining light on Mansfield University since 1926

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A new lens for The Flashlight: Shining the light in a different way

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
Editor-in-Chief

Normally, a seasoned journalist would never write a piece about their own newspaper, but that is exactly what I'm doing. Sadly, there aren't any more journalism majors here to point that out.

The Flashlight was established in 1926. We are approaching our 90th anniversary. It's incredible to think about the major transitions our paper has undergone. There was a time when journalists were held in the highest esteem and were the key to getting out the news. People waited patiently for their weekly copy. In today's world news happens more quickly and weekly papers must find a way to serve their audience.

The transitions are happening even faster now. Just in the 2 years I have been involved with The Flashlight, we've seen 4 different editor-in-chiefs, a minor makeover, a relocation of The Flashlight from The Department of Communication to The Department of English and Modern Languages, and the placing of the Journalism concentration into moratorium at Mansfield University.

The critics would look at a situation like this, shake their fists, and adhere to the age-old creeds of the great old-school journalists of past. But, I, along with the diverse but small Flashlight staff, see it as a call to excel and change the way we are serving you, the readers.

Extensive analysis goes into determining the path for

our future. We could take the approach of moving faster and harder into the world of electronic printing, web design, tweets, and videos, and all that other millennial stuff we all expect from our news organizations, but the fact is, we are trying to strip down and rebuild ourselves in keeping with the tradition and honor that The Flashlight deserves.

The fact is we aren't able to provide hard-hitting investigative reports as well as we had in generations past. We won't be your first source for news because our online presence is non-existent and our staff of two editors and three writers is too small and stretched thin as it is. We want to get there – eventually. But we need to slow down and refigure our purpose for today's Mansfield readers.

What we will be doing this semester is a complete overhaul of the paper. We are excited about some of our changes and still wrestling with others. The Design Guild, a talented group of graphic designers, will be working on completely changing the look of the paper. The Flashlight is ecstatic to have the support of their group and really think our new look will show you that we want to change for our readers.

We also have a few leaders of other organizations interested in helping us along with our new paper. One of them is Robert Conrad, the newly elected president of the Computer Science club. At the first meeting we held, he presented a slew of

new article ideas. He suggested doing a technology section in our new paper – something that would continue to be pertinent to our readers.

We are also considering changing our publishing schedule from weekly to bi-weekly – a topic that has plagued our meetings for the past few semesters. This could be seen as the early stages of a dying paper, but I see it as more of a sabbatical – a time to strengthen our existing relationships with local advertisers, increasingly reach out to other organizations for support and find ways to support them, and to repurpose ourselves to be the best paper for Mansfield University we can be.

With some suggestions from our interim advisor, Dr. Young, on advertising strategies, we were able, in just two short weeks, to rally more advertiser support than we had in the past 2 years, we have enlisted the help of multiple clubs and organizations to bring about change, and we have introduced an eclectic mix of majors to the joys of journalism.

These past two weeks have been the seminal moment of my journalistic schooling.

One thing I've learned from all of my Journalism classes is that news has to be pertinent and mean something to our audience. It has to mirror the triumphs, defeats, and all the absurd in-betweens we, as a whole, face. I believe we had been so caught up on what traditional journalism should look like; we forgot that we mainly do this for our

university audience. You could go anywhere to know what is going on, but we want to present you with the "why."

So much of the media we surround ourselves with is specialized. We reside in media bubbles. We used to try and provide the most mainstream media – the stuff that is deemed important by old journalistic standards. But, what we have now is so many divided groups of individuals – we want to chronicle all these voices.


We shined the light on Mansfield in a traditional sense for a while, but we want to shine our light on all the facets that make it whole. We want to mirror our university as it presents itself – not the way we feel we should present it. But we still need all the help we can get.

Print media has been having some growing pains as of late – we are certainly feeling them. But we are confident we can still remain a pertinent part of the university community. We have just generally seen an overwhelmingly positive amount of support and suggestions from all those involved with the production of the paper so far this semester. For that, I am thankful and hopeful.


And I thank you, reader, for bearing with us as we undergo some drastic changes. They won't always be easy transitions, but it has been such a privilege to serve all of you these past two years, it will be worth all the hard-work to make a paper that is truly by, for, and is Mansfield University. Thank you.

Weekly Weather


Friday

 Mostly Sunny
High:81 Low:55


Saturday

 Chance of Rain
High:73 Low:56


Sunday

 Partly Cloudy
High: 69 Low:50


Monday

 Partly Cloudy
High:29 Low:11


Tuesday

 Sunny
High:80 Low:53

Wednesday

 Sunny
High:82 Low:53

Thursday

 Partly Sunny
High:82 Low:57

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Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

Kappa Phi Events

- Monday, Sept. 14: Want to learn more about Kappa Phi? Come to our traditional Info Night at 5:30 in 312 Alumni Hall for some pizza and more knowledge of what our sisterhood can do for you.
- Tuesday, Sept. 15: We'd love for you to meet all of our sisters! Join us for a "date night" at 8pm in the Spruce Multipurpose Room!
- Wednesday, Sept. 16: What's better than a movie and spa night?! Come watch 'The Longest Ride' with us at 7pm in the Sycamore Multipurpose Room.
- Thursday, Sept. 17: We can't wait for this! Our awesome Pledge Coordinators have a picnic and Bible Study planned for us in Smythe Park at 6pm.
- Friday, Sept. 18th: As Recruitment Week winds down, we can't wait to take in God's beautiful creation at the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. We will meet in front of Laurel at 5:30.

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World News

Headlines from across the planet

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-9/9/15- Hungarian camerawoman trips, kicks migrants

- The camerawoman worked for Hungary's nationalist N1TV news station
- Her behavior "was completely unacceptable," and she has been fired

-9/8/15- New Zealand bans young adult novel; first book ban in 22 years

- Family group says the book is "highly offensive" and "gratuitous"
- Author says books provide safe space for teens to learn about topics they may not otherwise be able to discuss

-9/8/15- Cameron faces questions over UK drone strike in Syria

- Cameron says a UK drone strike targeted Briton Reyaad Khan in the Raqqa, Syria, area
- Another Briton, Ruhul Amin, was one of two other ISIS fighters killed in the strike, he says
- UK lawmakers voted against Britain taking military action inside Syria in 2013

-8/24/15- The real danger with North Korea

- North, South Korea exchanged artillery fire this week
- Christian Whiton: West should put North Korea under pressure, on defensive

-8/17/15- Did the U.S. betray the Kurds in fight against ISIS?

- The U.S. appears to have undercut Kurdish militias, the only truly effective fighting force against ISIS
- Frida Ghitis: The losers are the Kurds, the victims of ISIS and the prospects for victory against ISIS

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

-09/08/2015- At approximately 11:06 PM, Mansfield University Police received a call to go to Oak Manor for a person possibly on LSD. The above named defendant refused medical assistance and resisted arrest. Anthony Wilcox was charged with Aggravated Assault, Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, and Public Drunkenness and transported to Tioga County Prison. Wilcox was also judicially referred.

-09/06/2015- At approximately 2:29 AM Joshua Burge, Jonathan Brown and two female Juveniles were found in the A-lot by Oak Manor at a truck that was investigated at approximately 1:54 AM for open containers of alcohol. These individuals were cited for underage consumption and judicially referred.

-08/31/2015- Between 1:00 PM and 2:20 PM unknown vehicle or object struck a parked motor vehicle while it was parked on Straughn Drive. This did cause damage to the front driver side fender. The victims vehicle is discribed as a gray in color Subaru Impreza. Any one with information is asked to contact campus police at 570-662-4900, reference inc.#15-0000952

-08/30/2015- The Mansfield University Police Department is investigating the theft of a small amount of prescription medication from a room on the third floor of Oak Manor between 3:00 PM and 10:15 PM. Anyone with information regarding such an incident is asked to contact the police department at 570-662-4900.

-08/30/2015- At approximately 3:30 PM, this station received a call for a possible act 64 violation in room 104 of Spruce manor. A very strong smell of burnt marijuana was discovered to be coming from inside the room. Kadeja Datts, Shavagne Walcott, Brani Boozer, Tyler Green, and Daveion Dobney were judicially referred for smoking marijuana inside a Spruce dorm room.

Mansfield University Foundation raises over \$20,000 at annual major donor dinner



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS OSBORNE
Paul McMillen is a '69 graduate and founder of the Mansfield University Foundation.

The Mansfield University Foundation celebrated their 40th anniversary at the annual major donor dinner. A record crowd of 120 donors attended the event generously

hosted by Dr. Larry and Sandy Nesbit at the Corning Country Club. The gala raised over \$20,000 in additional support and scholarships for MU students.

Keynote speaker and founder, '69 alum Paul McMillen talked about the critical role the foundation played in the evolution of Mansfield University. McMillen thanked donors by saying, "The Mansfield University Foundation and each of you through your leadership, your gifts, your time and your endowments have established a legacy that will continue to grow and provide support and assistance to Mansfield University for years to come. Truly, through the Foundation, your lives gain a meaning that will forever endure."

McMillen closed his speech with "When the Foundation was first proposed in 1974, the parties involved had to recognize the importance of what each of them brought to the equation. A successful annual giving campaign works well because all constituencies affected work as one. Together we can achieve a success not obtainable individually."

The evening celebrated the role donors

have played at MU and the impact of their gifts as well as the role of the Foundation. Mindy Engel, Executive Director of the Foundation and '93 alum, thanked those at the event as well as those who were unable to attend by stating that the "evening is a tribute to forty years of philanthropy and all those whose generosity has helped shape the past, present and future of the University and the students who attend MU."

In a recorded video message, President Fran Hendricks '79 congratulated the Foundation "on its 40th anniversary of service to the university." He conveyed the following to the audience, "Tonight your University and its foundation gathers to honor each of you and to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your persistent willingness to assist our students and our University through the sharing of your time, talent, and treasure."

The Mansfield University Foundation is non-profit organization created to ensure that donations are responsibly invested, distributed for the intended purposes, and not become confused with

state appropriations or other funds. This past fiscal year ending June 30, the Foundation in partnership with the university campus raised \$985,000 in new funds in support of scholarships and established 12 new endowments and scholarship funds from dedicated supporters. Additionally, the Foundation has made available over one-half million dollars in scholarships—an amount that will continue to grow thanks to the many friends and alumni who invest in the students at Mansfield University.

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CJA students help with mock interviews

Eight Mansfield University students, all members of Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE), the criminal justice professional coed fraternity, participated in an inmate mock career fair on September 3 at Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary. The students were accompanied by Assistant Professor Justin Crowl.

The penitentiary, known as "The Big House", is a high security federal prison housed within the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a division of the U.S. Department of Justice. The MU students had the opportunity to interview numerous inmates and speak to them about the job market and their post-release plans. Students were also able to ask questions and engage in discussions with staff and administrators, many of whom are alumni of MU and the Criminal Justice Administration (CJA) Department. A guided tour of the facility followed.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY DAY
(L-R) Martina Padilla, Maryann Personius, Dana Mahini, Brian Kircher, Samantha Boas, Rian Waldbrunn, and Andre Morton. Not pictured: Justina Day.

"The experience of visiting a federal correctional facility was very rewarding, especially considering that it was the first time that these students went behind the walls of a federal prison," Crowl said. "It is exactly these type of events that allow students to experience for themselves the inner workings of the criminal justice system."

The LAE members who participated are Justina Day, Samantha Boas, Brian Kircher, Dana Mahini, Andre Morton, Martina Padilla, Maryann Personius and Rian Waldbrunn.

Chemistry Club conducted well testing

Four Mansfield University Chemistry students, along with two MU faculty members and one former faculty member, collected water samples and performed well water quality analysis in Tioga County, PA through a grant from the Tioga County Commissioner's Office this summer.

Students Emily Edwards, Martin Holdren, Joseph Mandeville and Megan Terrel, supervised and assisted by Professor Shaker Ramasamy, Assistant Professor Michele Conrad, both from the Department of Chemistry and Physics, and Paul Wendel, now on the faculty in the Department of Education at Otterbein University, OH, were involved in the project.

"With the rise in number of natural gas fracking sites in the Tioga County, it is important to monitor the well water quality over the course of the fracking process," Conrad said.

The water quality study involved the Mansfield students collecting water samples from homeowners across the Tioga County

and analyzing the water at no cost to the homeowners. A total of 82 well water samples were collected.

Water quality samples were collected at the same sites in previous years to monitor the pH, specific conductivity, barium and strontium. High levels of the two elements, barium and strontium, can be indicative of contamination from gas drilling.

This phase of the study incorporated substantially more analytes, as follows: ten cations (boron, barium, calcium, chromium, iron, potassium, magnesium, manganese, sodium and strontium), three anions (chloride, bromide, and sulfate), methane gas, pH, specific conductivity, and alkalinity. Samples were analyzed using Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS), Ion Chromatography (IC), Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP), and alkalinity titrations.

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SGA earmarks \$10,000 to LUMA programming

By DEAN LEE
Production Manager

Last week the Student Government Association (SGA) made a motion to reallocate \$18,350 from the Self-defense program because it had undergone an advisory shift and \$15,650 from the Spring Fling funding to pay the stipends that the SGA executive board receives. The e-board of SGA would receive a total amount of \$34,000.

The by-laws state that the e-board is to receive the funds. SGA Treasurer, Joseph Turner, said, “If you do not pass this motion, I expect a motion to change the by-laws.”

SGA Vice President, Marquise Isaac-Rivers, moved to reallocate \$1,500 from the Spring Fling budget to the SGA Spirit Committee for Spirit Friday Food. These events will last 12 Fridays starting September 11. They will be providing free hot chocolate and cookies to students.

This week in SGA, SGA President, Brett Helmus, announced that the mural project is coming along smoothly. Currently, there are repairs that need to be

made to the wall before the mural can be painted. Helmus said, “I will email them [facilities], and if I don’t hear anything back I will walk down and see if I can stir anything up.”

Helmus also made mention of an Organization Fair at Light Up Mansfield Again (LUMA) and that the Student Government Retreat will be held October 17.

SGA Director of Technology, Tara Warriner, mentioned that the Wi-Fi network is about 80% done. She also said that Tech Connect has consolidated with Campus Technologies. Tech Connect used to be located in Pinecrest Manor and was a division of Resident Life that would work on student computers. Campus Technologies, or Information Technologies is located in Memorial Hall in the basement.

Currently, SGA has \$5,000 already allocated for food at LUMA. They held an informal discussion about the location where food will served. In the past, food was served up near the field as an incentive to get people to the game. However, due to the vendor, Sodexo, changing

their serving time to 2 pm, they will now want to serve food from Upper Manser for everyone including the community. A member of SGA remarked “I thought that student activities funds were supposed to be used for the students not the community.”

The idea did not pass, and SGA decided to earmark \$10,000 for LUMA as well (\$5,000 for t-shirts and \$5,000 for fireworks).

Also SGA moved to accept Dr. McEvoy’s and Dr. Brennan’s request of \$10,000 for a Strength Quest program. The program is to pick out the top 5 strengths a student has out of 400. The program will help the students with self-discovery and improving their strengths.



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Come on down to room 2M Alumni Hall at 4pm.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015	12 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 9:45 AM - Admissions Saturday Preview6:00 PM - Megan Warriner, Junior Horn Recital	13 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015	14 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 8:00 PM-11:00 PM - Monday Recreational Game Night & NFL Football @ The Hut	15 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 6:00 PM - United Campus Ministry Bible Study 9:00 PM - Tuesday Night (Weekly) Team TRIVIA	16 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 11:20 AM - United Campus Ministry's Chow with the Chaplains 4:00 PM - Mountie Ambassador Training	17 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 5:00 PM - Catholic Student Association Meeting 9:00 PM - Music Improv: MIKKI HOMMEL Live 9:00 PM - Thursday Night Live
18 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 9:30 AM - College Day: High school registration 9:30 AM - College Day: College, University, Military Registration	19 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 All Day - SAO Student Bus Trip - Niagara Falls & Darien Lake Amusement Park	20 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 1:00 PM - Duo Montagnard	21 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 8:00 PM-11:00 PM - Monday Recreational Game Night & NFL Football @ The Hut 8:30 PM - Monday Night Football	22 All Day - Mansfield University's Juried Student Art Exhibit 2015 6:00 PM - United Campus Ministry Bible Study 9:00 PM - Tuesday Night (Weekly) Team TRIVIA	23 11:20 AM - United Campus Ministry's Chow with the Chaplains 2:00 PM - Council of Trustees Meeting	24 5:00 PM - Catholic Student Association Meeting 9:00 PM - Thursday Night Live

All Roads Lead Home

"All Roads Lead Home" is the theme as Mansfield University Homecoming and the Fabulous 1890s Weekend once again combine for a mega-celebration on September 25-26.

The Fabulous 1890s Weekend celebrates the world's first night football game played on September 28, 1892 in Smythe Park.

Activities in Smythe Park will get underway at 4 p.m. on Friday. High school soccer matches and a square dance led by the Cowanesque Valley Boys highlight the schedule.

The first hot air balloon launch will be at 5 p.m., weather permitting. To schedule a ride on Friday or Saturday, go to bit.ly/1890sballoonregistration

The 1890s Museum tent will be open and the 4-H will have displays and demonstrations Friday night and Saturday.

Highlighting Friday's schedule on campus will be the Athletic Hall of Fame reception, dinner and induction ceremony beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Manser North Dining Hall. Cost is \$25 per person and reservations are required. Go to alumni.mansfield.edu/HC2015 or call (570) 662-4853 to reservations.

Chris Cummings '07, Lou DiFilippantonio '68, Jess Uhrich Hill '08 and Willie Watts '91 will be inducted.

The MU Music Department will present its PRISM Concert on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. MU students with ID will be admitted free. Tickets can be ordered online at music.mansfield.edu or by phone at (570)662-4710. Tickets will also be available at the door one hour before each performance.

Registration for Friday's Homecoming golf tournament at Corey Creek Golf Club

begins at 8 a.m. and play starts at 8:30 a.m. Advance registration is available at register at alumni.mansfield.edu/HC2015. All proceeds from the tournament benefit MU athletic scholarships.

On Saturday, the combined Homecoming/Fabulous 1890s Parade will make its way up Main Street at 10:30 a.m. Anyone interested in marching in the parade can register at bit.ly/1890smuhomcomingparade

On campus, an Alumni Tent Party will be held in the Allen Hall parking lot before the Mountaineer football team will take on Navy at Karl Van Norman Field at 1 p.m.

The MU women's soccer team will host Slippery Rock at 1:30 p.m. at the Soccer Field. Field hockey will take on Bloomsburg at 6 p.m. at Van Norman Field.

There will be an alumni softball game at 11:30 a.m. at Lutes Field.

Down on Smythe Park, the day will be filled with entertainment including a Patsy Cline Tribute by Penny Eckman, "The Banjo Man," Clyde Peeling's Reptiland, the Chris Clark Bicycle Show, plus history, arts, crafts and sports.

The re-enactment of the world's first night football game will take place at 8:30 p.m., followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

Admission to the Smythe Park grounds is a \$3 button, which is good for the entire weekend. Purchase of a button enters everyone 18 years of age or older into a cash prize raffle to be held at the conclusion of the weekend.

To register online or download a registration form for Homecoming events, go to alumni.mansfield.edu. Call (888)305-6505 or alumni2@mansfield.edu for more information.

For a full list of events, displays and entertainment, go to 1890sweekend.com

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4pm.

Mansfield University Senior Interning in Harrisburg

Mansfield University senior Chelsey Gavin is one of 14 college students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program for the fall semester.

The psychology major, with a dual concentration in human resources and lifespan development, is working for the Governor's Office of Administration as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

Gavin is from Canisteo, NY and is the daughter of John and Kayleen Gavin. She is a graduate of Canisteo-Greenwood High School.

THIS provides students with the opportunity to work in all area of state government while earning a full semester's

worth of credits. Gavin and the other students participating in the program attend several academic seminars during their internship semester. Each student will complete an individualized research project as part of the program's requirements.

More than 600 students from PASSHE universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, each gaining valuable insight into the workings of state government at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well as in the Office of the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Office of the Attorney General.

State System students interested in

participating in THIS in a future semester may obtain information on the program by contacting their individual campus coordinator or their university's cooperative or internship office, or by calling the Dixon University Center at (717) 720-4089. For more information on the program, go to passhe.edu/this

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university alumni live in Pennsylvania.

The state-owned universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania. PASSHE also operates branch campuses in Clearfield, Freeport, Oil City and Punxsutawney and several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg and Center City in Philadelphia.

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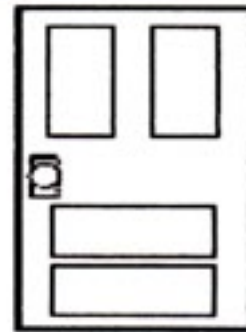
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Good Luck to all!

And *The Flashlight* would like to thank these businesses for their support of our paper and providing awesome services to all of Mansfield.

Thank you!

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Transitions of a transfer student

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Here we go again. New school, new classes, new settings. For all you transfer students, you know what I’m talking about. Either you’re in my situation, where you’ve just graduated with an Associate’s Degree from a Community College and you’ve chosen to continue. Or, you’ve had difficulties at a prior establishment and chosen to make Mansfield University your new home. Whichever you are, I am here to tell you that you are not alone.

Many of your peers are sharing these experiences with you. Even some of the freshmen can attest to that. Only we have the upper advantage. We’ve already gone through the college day-to-day haste. We’ve grown accustomed to the monstrous expenses of textbooks, as well as the constant struggle to keep up with hybrid courses. A select few of us even had the opportunity to assimilate

into the complex organism that is residence life. We live on campus, get up and look out our windows only to see the nature that is Mansfield University, and realize everything we need to live and learn is at our fingertips. Things such as classroom buildings, professors, and even our cafeterias, invite us to make our life’s mission to eat, sleep and breathe Mansfield.

This isn’t necessarily a bad thing. This allows us the concentration that we need to get ready for our first day of classes. The moment that we’ve all been waiting for: when you walk in and get handed the class syllabus listing your very first textbook. A quality education: it amounts to more than your brand new Apple Laptop that you bought last week.

For transfers like me, this back-to-school process isn’t new. But, that doesn’t do away with that sticker shock price that numbs us all. Many, including myself, then begin to bless the sacred thing known as a book voucher that decreased the

panic engulfing your brain. It makes it so that if you have any extra credit remaining on your bill, you can use that money to buy the books you need for your classes. This process is a gift. So, even transfers have some deficits when going back to school, but most of the time we can get to know the lay of the land pretty quickly, giving some of my cohorts the second chance that they deserve.

With constant resources, such as the brand new library located in North Hall, the Learning/Resource centers as well as your most important asset - your professors - none of us deserve fail.

Which reminds me, don’t believe that your teachers are only there to receive a paycheck. They actually want to help you achieve and succeed. So utilize them, don’t be afraid to go and ask them for help, or just stop by and say a quick hello. Like most of us, they just want a friendly reminder that just because you’re not struggling, doesn’t mean that you can’t go to them to chat.

They like to have conversations with students, to see how their days are going and such. No one here should fail. Especially not when you’ve come here for a second chance. Use your time here for the better and pay attention, that way you don’t have to turn around and start it all over. You can’t rewind time.

Seriously though. I’m talking to both freshmen, transfers, and returning students alike. Remember back to the club fair where we went booth to booth, collecting pamphlets, candy and other trinkets telling you to get involved. Don’t wait until after you graduate to realize that you could have been a part of The Yearbook Club, or The Football Team, or even the school newspaper, *The Flashlight* (hint hint).

Don’t sit there and let the future that you’ve already altered waste away. Do what you want, become who you are and figure out how to get there. You’ve already chosen the ‘Where,’ now fill in the rest of the blanks.

PSECU financial corner: Sweet on-camps deals for students

By EMILY SHOSH

Staff Writer

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Many money experts say that credit unions are a good deal for consumers. Because credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives, they work for their member-owners, offering them low- or no-cost financial products and services. Since you’re a student at this school, one of PA’s largest credit unions has a special deal for you.

When you join PSECU and satisfy the requirements, you can receive up to \$250 in bonuses. Visit the PSECU Office in Lower Manser Hall to get all the promo-

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2. “You want to keep me but I am only valuable if you give me away. What am I?”

3. “I can enter, but can never get out. What am I?”

3.) A Keyboard

2.) Money

1.) Dreams

Film Review: *Pulp Fiction* remains a seminal crime film

By **KLINE KAUFER**
Staff Writer

Pulp Fiction is a 1994 film written and directed by Quentin Tarantino. It was his second film which followed 1992's heist film *Reservoir Dogs*. *Pulp Fiction* was critically acclaimed and is listed as one of the greatest films of all time. It went on to win the Palm d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and won Best Original Screenplay at the Academy Awards. It was also nominated for Best Picture and Best Director at the Academy Awards, but did not win. This film has a reputation that has gone far beyond the 1990s and has influenced many films to date.

Pulp Fiction tells the story of two small time criminals who plan on robbing a restaurant, a boxer who is supposed to throw the fight but doesn't and two hit men who are after a mysterious briefcase. All of these stories intersect at some point. Like many other Tarantino films, *Pulp Fiction* is told in a nonlinear format. This film stars John Travolta as Vincent Vega, Samuel L. Jackson as Jules Winnifield, Uma Thurman as Mia

Wallace, Bruce Willis as Butch Coolidge, Ving Rhames as Marsellus Wallace, Tim Roth as Ringo, Amanda Plummer as Yolanda, and several others.

The dialogue in this film is so casual yet so perfect. It makes the mundane conversations that characters have with each other fun to listen to. Tarantino has gone on record saying the novelist, Elmore Leonard is a big influence on how Tarantino writes dialogue and how it informs characters. It also has some very interesting moments of dialogue in bizarre and frightening situations such as "The Gold Watch" scene with Christopher Walken and "Ezekiel 25:17" with Samuel L. Jackson. It is no wonder Quentin Tarantino and Roger Avary (who helped write the stories) won Best Original Screenplay at the Oscars.

Pulp Fiction is easily one of my favorite films of all time and is a 10/10. This film cost \$8 million to produce and made over \$200 million worldwide. *Pulp Fiction* has a run time of 2 hours and 34 minutes. Even if you don't enjoy movies that have a run time of over two hours, *Pulp Fiction* will have you gripping the edge of your seat the entire time.



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Pulp Fiction premiered in 1994. It won numerous awards and is still considered one of Tarantino's best

Meet the president: a profile of President Hendricks

By **DEBBIE JENNINGS**
Business Manager

As we return to campus and some of us begin our journey at Mansfield University for the first time, we are refreshed by the scenes and faces that make MU our temporary home. North Hall's towering beauty reminds us of the historical value Mansfield has to offer, but that is not all that North Hall provides us with. It is also the official location of the office of the president of our university, General Francis Hendricks.

For those who have just started here, you will meet the president soon enough. He is always around, usually attending various campus events, and occasionally jumping into a game of Humans vs. Zombies. One may even find him accompanied by President Hendricks's German Shepard, Mountie.

Among the President's favorite activities are spending time with his family and working out, both of which are very important to him. Fortunately, his role on campus spans much broader than just what he likes to do in his spare time. Wrapping recreation into work is his objective, which is probably quite a task due to his large amount of presidential duties. A CEO has ultimate responsibility for business activities and is an advocate - fighting for the betterment of the compa-

ny. In this sense, President Hendricks is like our CEO. He has a vision of success for the university: the students, staff, and faculty. "I work for you," is what the President replied when asked what his job is for the university.

At one point in time, President Hendricks was in our shoes. He was a student at Mansfield University - going through the day-to-day activities we do today. During his time as a student, he worked hard and made many memories. For starters, he studied a dual major in Criminal Justice and Political Science. Though he frequently was awarded a place on the Dean's List, he feels that some of the most important learning experiences happen outside the classroom. President Hendricks served as a Residence Advisor for 3 years, was the president of SGA, and was in many clubs and sports. Work-study was also part of his student life, as he did janitorial work for the university after classes. As a student, Hendricks was not above trying new things, such as photography and Greek Life.

Above all, President Hendricks is back at Mansfield today to help us succeed now and in our futures. His words of advice are to make MU your own, care for the university and shape it into something you are proud of! Take full advantage of the opportunities given to you, and strive to make an impact. The president is an ad-



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Hendricks's "Home-Town Hero" flag can be found by the university on Elmira Street/Rt. 6

vocate of finding one's inner balance and connection between a mental, physical, and spiritual part of one's self. Studying is always important, but so is taking care of your physical self, as well as occasionally giving yourself a moment to just relax and breathe.

As someone who has been through the same experiences as us, President Hendricks is really someone to look up to. Soon enough, our time here will be done, and we

will go on to the next adventure in our lives. Every day counts, so go do the things you have never done before and make memories while you can. Go to the next Political Science club meeting, or the next university sponsored bus trip! If we make the best of our experiences inside the classroom and outside of them, Mansfield University really can be, as President Hendricks stated, "our own Hogwarts."



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Freshman Delaney Meadows tied the score at 1-1 midway through the second half.

Mounties Impressive in Late-Goal Loss

MANSFIELD – Freshman Delaney Meadows first collegiate goal tied the score at 1-1 midway through the second half but California scored what proved to be the game-winner with less than three minutes to play to pull out a 2-1 win over Mansfield in the opening game of the season for both teams Saturday afternoon.

“We did what we had to do especially in the second half,” said head coach Tim Dempsey. “We’re not going to be a team that possess the ball for long-periods of time so we just have to get it forward and go from there and we did that for much of today.”

It was a great effort by a young Mountaineer team that was starting just two players from last year’s team that dropped a late-season 1-0 loss to then playoff-bound Cal.

California scored the game’s first goal in the 34th minute with Kara Novotny took a cross from Daniela Dell’Aquila and flicked it past a diving goalie.

The lone goal stood up throughout the first half before Mansfield got on the scoreboard 25 minutes into the second half.

Senior Karyn Anselmo centered a ball from 40-yards out into the box where

Meadows took it off her thigh and settled the ball in traffic before quickly putting it past the oncoming goalie to tie the game at 1-1.

Mansfield went on the attack again five minutes later but Cal goalie Meghan Jayes rejected two more shots from Meadows to keep the tie in place.

With regulation winding down, Mansfield was awarded a corner kick that failed to get a shot on goal. One minute later, Novotny placed a perfect shot into left handed top corner of the net just above Mansfield goalie Rachel Fox’s outstretched fingers for the winning score.

Fox was outstanding in goal in her first collegiate game recording five saves, a number of them diving saves.

Jayes also had five saves for California.

California took 21 shots to Mansfield’s four but the Mountaineers outshot the Vulcans 10-8 in the second half. Kelsey Chapman, Nikki Ortiz and Anselmo each put shots on goal for Mansfield.

Courtesy of gomounties.com

Mountaineer baseball wins senior night games against Lock Haven

COLCHESTER, Vt. – Courtney Wilson scored her first goal of the season, but Southern Connecticut State controlled the offense in the first half to defeat Mansfield 4-1 Saturday afternoon in the opening game of the DoubleTree Classic hosted by Saint Michael’s College.

SCSU struck first in the 12th minute on a Colleen Murphy goal assisted by Zoe Fanolis. Murphy scored again for the Owls just minutes later, this time being assisted by Bailey McGinnis.

Katie Lipski denied a goal scoring opportunity in the 25th minute with a defensive save, but Murphy played the deflected ball into goal to record a hat trick. Emma Farrel added another goal for SCSU in the 26th minute to extend the lead to 4-0.

The Owls controlled possession for much of the first half, totaling 20 shots.

Mansfield evened the field in the second half, being outshot by just one at 5-4. All but one of the Mountie’s shots in the game went on goal.

Wilson put Mansfield on the board in the 69th minute after playing

a ball into goal right on the keeper’s doorstep. The goal was Wilson’s fourth of her career.

Laura Lawson made 13 saves in the game for MU.

Chelsea Tanco led the Mounties with two shots on goal.

The Mountaineers play host St. Michael’s tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

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Courtney Wilson scored her first goal of the season.

Coach Boone inspires Mounties

By **ZACHARY ROSSETTI**
Flashlight Contributor

At 7 pm on August 31, 2015, hundreds of students packed into the Steadman Auditorium to listen to the words of Coach Herman Boone. Boone, a retired high school football coach, was the coach of the T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia, near Washington D.C. If this still does not give you any indication of who Coach Boone is, you may know him from the Disney film, "Remember the Titans", where he was portrayed by Denzel Washington.

I had the chance to sit down and have a one-on-one conversation with Boone before the presentation. We crossed a wide variety of topics, including my play calling style with the football team I used to coach. One thing that really caught my attention was how much he loved our campus. "If I could go back and start over, I would choose to start here." We talked about the making of the film and his relationship with Denzel Washington and his family, whom he described as "the most down to earth people." "They are Mountaineers in their own right," he added. I asked the question as to whether we will be hearing more about the culture behind the story or the actual story the film tells and this is where Boone really proved he is a class act, "You can't tell one without the other. The diversity of the team is the story."

As I was walking out of the room, President Hendricks passed me on his way in. He started talking with Boone about the film, the story, and how his children graduated from the area - it was delightful to see two people who have never met have a conversation as if they had been friends for years. After about a half an hour of conversing with the President, Carontawan staff member, Andrew Putt, and myself, Boone was greeted in true Mansfield fashion with Connie's infamous cookies. We headed into the auditorium where the presentation began.

"Anybody know what this place is? This is Gettysburg. This is where they fought the Battle of Gettysburg. 50,000 men died right here on this field, fightin' the same fight that we're still fightin' amongst ourselves today. This green field right here was painted red, bubblin' with the blood of young boys, smoke and hot lead pourin' right through their bodies. Listen to their souls, men: I killed my brother with malice in my heart. Hatred destroyed my family. You listen. And you take a lesson from the dead. If we don't come together, right now, on this hallowed ground, we too will be destroyed

-- just like they were. I don't care if you like each other or not. But you will respect each other. And maybe -- I don't know -- maybe we'll learn to play this game like men."

This iconic scene from the film was played and then Boone made his way to the stage.

He opened by talking about this scene, "Why did I take the team to Gettysburg? I figured, if two armies could settle their differences there, why not my high school football team." He also made jokes that he wasn't crazy enough to take those kids trudging through a swamp at 3 in the morning and that the real time he took them was 9 pm.

He states, "The movie wasn't made because this high school football team won a state championship, this film is a parable of racial harmony." For those who aren't familiar, T.C. Williams was the result of three high schools in different areas that were court ordered to segregate. After he told us about the film not being about the goal that team reached on the field, Boone began talking about harmony.

He pointed to President Hendricks' in the crowd and said that our campus has a leader that has been able to pull together a wide variety of individuals and bring them towards a common goal, he also said that Mansfield University breeds acorns and that we have been chosen to bridge together a community. He closed his speech by reading an excerpt from Dr. Seuss' *Oh the Places You'll Go*. And then opened up the floor for a question and answer period where he was asked questions by the athletic staffs and the students of Mansfield.

One of the universities Cross Country coaches asked Boone, "Who do you think gave you your drive?" Boone identified his father. He then shared us his favorite quote from his father: "When you hear someone use the word 'Let's' get your hind parts home." He then goes on to say that he believes the word "Let's" ultimately leads to trouble, and cited a few examples.

One student then asked him how much of the movie was real and how much was made up. Boone stated that the scene from the film in which a brick was thrown the room was true, it just wasn't a brick. A toilet, was thrown through his window and "I needed the toilet too." He goes on to state that he never walked outside with a shotgun and fired it into the air, he never even owned a gun. "Hell, I never so much as had a toothpick in my house, people try to make you what they want you to be."

The final question that was asked was, "Why is this movie important around the globe?" To which Boone responded, "This



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Boone has been a coach for years. He has traveled to numerous places as an advocate for inspiring change and motivation.

movie is important, because everywhere around the globe, people are facing the same issues."

Before the presentation began, President Hendricks' stated that he watches the movie before football season begins a "pump up" to build excitement for the upcoming season. I asked President Hendricks' after the presentation what he thought about the words Coach Boone spoke tonight and he said, "Seeing a movie makes you wonder if that person truly acts that way -Coach Boone is, in every way, the man you see on a screen. He is a unifier of men with purpose who looks past difference and he is more than the game of football." Senior, Andrew Putt, stated that this presentation was a dream come true. "I looked at Coach as a legend growing up and finally hearing him

speak was a wonderful experience," he said. The Mansfield Activities Council sponsored Boone's presentation. Their advisor, Frank Crofchick, said, "I am humbled to see the number of students, who so early in the school year, want to make a difference and an impact in society. It is truly a great day to be a Mountaineer." If you are interested in joining MAC they meet Thursdays at 5:15 in Alumni Hall room 312.

Coach Boone closed his presentation by stating, "You may forget Coach Boone and Coach Yoast but you will always 'Remember the Titans.'" Coach, I speak for all of the Mounties that were in attendance at this presentation in stating we will never be able to forget you.

Field hockey opened 100th season on Thursday

MANSFIELD – Mansfield University field hockey will open its 100th season of play on Thursday, Sept. 3 when the Mountaineers travel to play Kutztown in non-conference action. It will be a season-long celebration for the Mountaineers who mark their program’s centennial which dates back to when Irene Aubrey first introduced the sport from England in 1915. The celebration culminates on Oct. 10 with the Centennial Reunion event for the Mountaineer’s match-up with Kutztown at 2 p.m. Making the event even more special is that Mansfield first-year head coach and 2009 graduate Brittany (Kostishion) Hansrote will face off against another MU grad in Marci (Lippert) Scheuing ‘05.

A two-time All-American, Hansrote became the first Mansfield field hockey alum to guide the program when she was named head coach in March. Hansrote was a four-year starter for the Mounties and a three-time All-PSAC selection. She comes to Mansfield after a one-year stint as head coach at Division III DeSales University.

Hansrote will look to lay the groundwork for what will be a new era in Mountaineer field hockey. Mansfield welcomes back 16 student-athletes from the 2014 squad including seven starters.



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“We have focused al lot on individual growth and team growth” explained Hansrote. “We’re heading in a really exciting direction and I’m focused on building a solid foundation so we can build on that in years to come.”

Looking to have another big season is junior Laura Lawson who will be the starting keeper for the Mountaineers again in 2015. Lawson, a two-sport athlete who also plays softball, led the NCAA Division II in saves per game last season at 13.28. Backing up Lawson will be sophomore Gabrielle Spatz who registered 103 minutes in goal last year with one start. Mansfield’s reputation of having a strong defensive line will continue through the 2015

season. Returning to the fold is senior team captain Avery Yoder who has made 29 starts in 33 career games for the Mountaineers. Alongside Yoder will be sophomore Emily Blidy who made appearances in 13 games with a pair of starts as a freshman.

Junior Claire Swink and sophomore Abbie Predmore will spend time on the back line as well as midfield this year. Last season, Swink made three starts in 18 appearances where she recorded a goal and three assists. Freshman Carly English will be in the mix at back and midfield while juniors Sabrina Shrawder and Megan Greenplate will add depth.

Anchoring the Mountaineer midfield is

sophomore Julie Cacace who was one of just four players to make starts in all 18 games last season while freshman Gabby Hieber, a three-year letter winner at Central Bucks East will look to make an impact at midfield in her rookie season. Senior Haley Stevens made 11 appearances last season and could break into the starting line-up. Moving to mid this year is sophomore Katie Lipski who led Mansfield and was tied for 11th in the nation in defensive saves last season with six.

Senior Mallory Christman and freshman Tatum Albertson will see time at midfield and forward.

Senior captain Brianna Hathaway will lead the Mountaineer front line along with sophomore Sam Klimekoski. Hathaway made starts in all 18 games last year while Klimekoski appeared in 17 games as a freshman. Senior Courtney Wilson will also look to make an impact at the forward position after scoring a pair of goals last year. Junior Emily Willard and sophomore Chelsea Tanco will both be in the mix to start for the Mountaineers. Tanco is the top returning goal scorer from 2014 with three.

Mansfield is on the road for its first four games of the season before hosting Mercyhurst at Karl Van Norman Field on Sept. 15.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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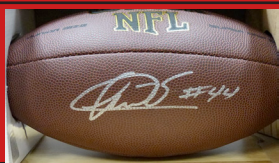
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Frustrations with SGA mount

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
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At least 14 organizations on campus have been denied funding, and the frustration is mounting. SGA is frustrated as well. Joe Turner, SGA Treasurer and COF president, stated that they have \$500,000 less dollars to work with this semester than they had the previous semester due to the attrition in enrollment. They are forced to try to do more with less, but they can't fund organizations in the way they have been funded in the past.

When asked about the criteria they are using if and when multiple organizations are eligible but they don't have enough money to distribute, Turner replied that decisions were based on whether "a majority of students were being served and if it was a wise expenditure." Turner continued by saying that "we are trying to meet all organizations halfway."

The media organizations on campus serve the entire student body in addition to the surrounding community yet were either denied

funding or received significantly less than what they requested.

Andee Dunham, COF co-advisor, stated "We plan to totally overhaul the budget process internally meaning more specific criteria and less work for organizations. The process should support organizational collaboration with one another." Turner and Dunham confirmed that organizations get no official communication when allocations are denied, but they are examining that procedure as well.

"We are still having difficulties getting funds from COF and SGA and they have not been very cooperative with our club," said Julie Brossman, president of the Art & Design Guild. Generally, most organizations are left scratching their heads wondering where all the money is going.

Though traditionally COF holds closed meetings - students can make a pitch as to why they should receive emergency allocation from COF if their budget is denied, says Dunham. Most allocations are rejected on the basis that the committee needs more information to make a definitive decision. However, the level of communication and

speed at which an emergency allocation can be approved can be discouraging to clubs.

So based on the criteria of reaching the largest number of people, COF denied the Political Science department's annual trip to Belize at their last committee meeting based on a notion of not affecting enough of a public. "When all initial criteria have been met, we [COF] look to see how many students will be impacted by the proposed allocation," said Turner. In the case of the Belize trip, despite its great significance for those involved, it would only involve roughly 14 students who go and costs \$20,000," said Turner.

These following organizations had been denied budgeted funding last semester: the MU Cheerleaders, Domination, International Tuba Euphonium Association, Mansfield Community Club, MU e-sports, Musical Theatre Organization, National Art Educators Society, Public Relations Society of America, SAFE, Social Work Club, Student Composers Society, The Flashlight, and WNTS, according to the COF budget worksheet.

Most other clubs had been given a significant amount less than they

had asked. Some of the most cited stipulations and restrictions that can reduce an organization's funds are: SGA can't fund an organization's fundraiser (money can't be spent to earn an organization money), SGA can't fund an organization that requests funds for food or related expenses, and general errors in how organizations filled out their budget requests like incorrect math.

However, SGA acted swiftly fixing their stipend amounts for e-board members in a September meeting. You may have read in our first issue -- the reallocation of Spring Fling funds to pay the e-board stipends. The Spring Fling funds were overinflated, said Turner. "We don't need another wannabe Warped Tour," he added.

Agree or disagree, SGA and COF are doing what they can with their limited funding.

Want to voice your opinion to SGA? Their meetings are held in Alumni Hall, Room 307, on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Or you can visit them in-office at 203 Alumni (near the Information booth). Their office hours can be found here: <http://www.mansfield.edu/sga/>

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- Paid Internship in Harrisburg – Spring 2016 - Work with a state agency or legislative office and receive a stipend roughly equivalent to a semester’s tuition, room and board – plus gain valuable experience and contacts. Must be a junior or senior with an overall GPA of 3.0 or better. For more information contact Dr. Brian Loher at 570-662-4777, by e-mail at bloher@mansfield.edu, or come to 152 South Hall. Applications are due by Thursday, October 1st.
- Catholic studet association will be having a Pope party on September 27th 3-6. Since Pope Francis will be in Philly Sunday we will be having a gathering to watch his church service at 4pm. There will be free food and drink. In Sycamore multipurpose room!
- Bring your resume to 108 Elliot Hall on Wednesday Septembet 30th. The Resume Workshop being sponsored by The Career Center, HR Club, and Computer Science Club.

- Animal Care Sanctuary will be occuring on Tuesday October 13th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of Alumni Hall. It is sponsored by Student Life and ACS.
- Pedaling the Sacrifice Zone by Jimmy Guignard book launch will occur on Tuesday September 29 at the Alumni Hall Hallway from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Send in your info to go and get featured in our next issue!

All info will be due in before October 7.

POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-662-4900**
- 09/19/2015 - At approximately 0105 hours, the station received a call for a possible act 64 violation in room 219 of Sycamore Manor. A very strong smell of burnt marijuana was discovered to be coming from inside the room. Semaja Glass, Celestine Featherstone, Miesha Smith, and Tierra Nelson were judicially referred for smoking marijuana inside a Sycamore dorm room.
- 09/16/2015 - University Police investigated a motor vehicle accident on Campus View Drive where a vehicle struck a guardrail. No one was injured as a result of the accident, the vehicle was operated by the above named person.

- 09/15/2015 - A small teal handbag containing several items was removed from lower Manser on the above date and time frame. Anyone with any information regarding the theft is requested to contact Campus Police at 570-662-4900.
- 09/11/2015 - At approximately 2338 hours, the station received a phone call from the RA station for a possibly intoxicated male on the 1st floor of Hickory Manor. Jeffrey Toole was found to be heavily intoxicated. Jeffrey was issued a citation for Underage Consumption and Judicially referred.
- 09/08/2015 - At approximately 2306 hours, Mansfield University Police received a call to go to Oak Manor for a person possibly on LSD. The above named defendant refused medical assistance and resisted arrest. Anthony Wilcox was charged with Aggravated Assault (F2), Resisting Arrest (M2), Disorderly Conduct (M3), and Public Drunkenness (S) and transported to Tioga County Prison. Wilcox was also judicially referred.

World News

Headlines from across the planet

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- **09/23/2015 - North Korea’s space race: Satellite launch imminent**
 - Speculation mounting that North Korea will launch a satellite to mark an upcoming holiday
 - But the scientists say they’re not aiming to launch satellites on any particular date
- **09/23/2015 - France to sell Egypt two warships previously contracted to Russia**
 - Deal is mutually beneficial to France and Egypt, a “slap on the wrist” to Russia, naval historian says
 - French President Francois Hollande announced last month that the deal with Russia had been canceled

- **09/22/2015 - U.S. military accused of telling soldiers to overlook Afghan abuse of boys**
 - Ex-captain says he and colleague confronted Afghan commander who abused boy
 - New York Times says soldiers are told to ignore abuse; Pentagon denies it’s policy
- **09/22/2015 - U.S. military proposes arming anti-ISIS Syrian rebels**
 - The group, which is loosely referred to as the Syrian Arab Coalition, has had battlefield successes in recent weeks against ISIS
 - It is not yet clear if U.S.-trained rebels would be politically acceptable to members of the Syrian Arab Coalition
- **09/22/2015 - Petraeus accuses Putin of trying to re-establish Russian Empire**
 - IRetired Gen. David Petraeus, testifying before the Senate Armed Service Committee, suggested that the U.S. establish safe zones for Sunnis in Syria.

PSECU Financial Corner: Card Scams Targeting College Students

By **EMILY SHOSH**
Staff Writer

Fraud isn't new, but there's a growing trend in scamming that is specifically targeting college students called "Card Cracking." This scam plays out in different ways, but the overall goal is the same – get college students to willingly give away their account numbers and PINs.

Unfortunately, the fraudsters know the vulnerabilities of college students like you – a desire to earn money without much free time and a need to earn scholarships to fund your education. With the rising cost of college, many college students have fallen into the trap, hoping it will help them pay off current bills or reduce student loan debt, and found themselves facing major problems as a result.

The scam usually runs along these lines – a college student is contacted with an unbelievable offer of an easy way to make money or get scholarship funds. Fraudsters will often contact you through social media, a place where many students have their guards down already. If you agree to the offer, the fraudster will ask for your account information and PIN. Then they'll deposit fake checks into your account, and soon after, use your information to withdraw all of the fraudulent funds that were credited to the account, as well as any legitimate money you had.

In some situations, you may not be fully aware of what's happening and will have to work with your financial institution to prove it was fraud and get your money back. This can cause a temporary loss of access to the money and the account, which can be financially troublesome.

In other situations, you may face even bigger problems. Some fraudsters will let you know that they're looking to deposit a fake check and will offer you a cut of the funds in exchange for letting them use your account. In these cases, temporary financial

troubles may pale in comparison to the legal troubles you can face for being an accomplice.

Awareness is key if you want to stay safe from these scams. Today, it's card cracking, but in the future, it's almost certain that a new method of scamming students (and others) will begin trending. Remember these general guidelines to protect yourself.

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Do your research and confirm the validity of any financial offers you receive.
- Protect your information. You should treat your financial account information the same way you treat your personal information. Keep it in a secure place and be wary of giving it to others.
- Don't be a victim, or an accomplice. Getting caught up in scams can damage your finances and financial stability. And if you're aware of what's going on, it can cause you legal trouble, too. Even when times are hard, it's not worth risking your future.

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MU Concert Choir Releases New CD

The Mansfield University Concert Choir, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, has released its latest CD, *Further Goals*.

The CD is compiled from performances at the Choral Collage, the Holiday Concerts and the Choir's Spring Tour Concert during the 2014-15 academic year. It was recorded and produced by Mark Records in Clarence, NY.

Copies of the CD will be available at a cost of \$10 at upcoming Music Department performances.

It is also available by mail for \$15, which includes shipping and handling. Send orders to: MU Concert Choir CD, Butler Center 105, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933. Make checks payable to CCSI (College Community Services Inc.).

The MU Concert Choir has contributed significantly to Mansfield's reputation of

musical excellence. The group has traveled throughout the region and performed in seventeen European countries accumulating a vast array of prizes, including nine gold medals in choral Olympic competition. In addition, the Concert Choir was awarded the 2011 American Prize in Choral Performance for the College/University Division, a national award given from recordings submitted. The choir made their Carnegie Hall debut in January of 2014.

The singers are committed to communicating their love of choral music and are frequently praised for the emotional spectrum in their performances, their diverse vocal color and their varied repertoire.

To learn more about the Concert Choir and studying music at Mansfield, go to music.mansfield.edu



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SGA discusses possible filtered water fountains

By DEAN LEE
Production Manager

The Student Government Association allows non-social Greek organizations to have the right to have a House of Representative sit in on SGA meetings to advocate for their organization.

These organizations would then have a vote and a voice in SGA. The original motion was for all Greek organizations, social or not, would be able to have a seat in the House of Reps.

Student Government Association. Director of

Technology, Tara Weirner, originally made a motion, with and amendment from Marquise Isaac-Rivers to allow non-social greek organizations and not social greek organizations to have a seat.

The rationale behind the amendment was

that currently the social Greek organizations have a “liaison” per say. This means that there is another organization that encompasses the social organizations.

Student Government Association Public Relations Director, Stephanie Hendricks, is currently working on an SGA logo for the windows. There was some miscommunication from SGA and the Print Shop and the letters were going to cost a total of \$360. Hendricks then decided to go with the SGA logo on one window for a total cost of \$120.

Hendricks also mentioned about getting the twitter page back up and running.

The mural project is halted for the time being as there are cracks in the concrete, Student Government Association President, Brett Helmus, talked with Jim Welch, Environmental Health & Safety Director, about having his staff fix that.

The Academic Affairs Committee is still looking for another student representative to serve on the committee. SGA is required to send

one, but AAC has bylaws that require two. Faculty Advisor, Dr. Todd Raney, mentioned this several times in the meeting. Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, Dr. Chris Bridges, advocated for both by saying SGA does not have to send another person, but in doing so eliminates a voice on one of the more important university committees. “I like to stir it up a bit,” Bridges said.

SGA went into informal discussion about filtered water fountains around campus. The water fountains would cost roughly about \$38.50 per fountain, and would cost \$975 to purchase each one. There was no final decision as it was informal discussion.

Currently the SGA allocated account balance is \$151,000 and the unallocated account balance is \$205,000. Student Government Association Treasurer, Joe Turner, mentioned about changing the MOU for the benefit of the communication organizations since they can get fines for not operating sufficiently and other such issues.



The Flashlight needs writers like you!

If you would like to write for The Flashlight come on down to 2M Alumni Hall Student Center, or send your story ideas and articles to flashlit@mansfield.edu. Find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/MansfieldUniversityFlashlight?fref=photo>

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
25 - 9:00 AM - Admissions Visit Day - 7:30 PM - PRISM Concert	26 - 8:00 AM - Homecoming/Fabulous 1890s Weekend - 10:00 PM - Saturday Night - DJ Dance Party	27 - 3:00 PM - Catholic Student Association's Pope-Palooza - 3:00 PM - Paige Terwilliger, Senior Voice Recital	28 - 7:00 PM - Worship Night at the Hut! - 8:00 PM Recreational Game Night at The Hut	29 - 1:00 PM - Sunday NFL Live Football Games @ The Hut - 9:00 AM - Tanya Aguiniga "Hand in Hand" Workshop	30 - 6:00 PM - Tanya Aguiniga Guest Speaker Lecture - 9:00 PM - Open Mic Night at The Hut	01 - 5:00 PM - Catholic Student Association Meeting - 9:00 PM - SAO Presents: Poor Tim. Live
02 - 11:30 AM - United Campus Ministry's Chow with the Chaplains - 7:30 PM - Dr. Eun-Joo Kwak, Faculty Piano Recital	03 - 3:00 PM - Enaw Elonge, Senior Voice Recital - 7:00 PM - Aaron Shafer and Morgan Feick, Senior Trombone and Tuba Recital	04	05 - 5:15 PM - Das Cordas - Guitar and Bass Duo - 7:00 PM - Andrew Sterman, Guest Artist	06 - 6:00 PM - United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 9:00 PM - Tuesday Night (Weekly) Team Trivia	07 - 11:20 AM - United Campus Ministry's Chow with the Chaplains - 9:00 PM - OPEN MIC. NIGHT (Weekly)	08 - 1:00 PM - Title IX: It's in Your Syllabus, But What Does It Mean? - 5:00 PM - Catholic Student Association Meeting

Caving First: Exploring Alexander's Caverns

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
Editor-in-Chief

It was a cold March morning, the kind of morning you would just want to stay inside underneath the covers watching movies. But that day I couldn't – I had signed myself up for a caving trip to Alexander's Cavern. Though I wasn't excited to venture out into the cold, this was my first time ever going on a caving trip, so the anticipation stole me away. In a blink of an eye, I readied my equipment: a simple backpack with a flashlight, snacks, a change of clothes and a camera. I put all my possessions in plastic zippered sandwich bags, so they wouldn't get wet from the snow or the muck inside the cave. I made my way through the balmy 18 degree weather onto campus to meet up with my group.

We were set to meet our guides in the parking lot of a Tom Cat gas station in Milroy, a small town populated mostly by Amish families. We were running pretty late, but I was told this is to be expected of seasoned cavers. Sarah Estes, president of the Mansfield Geography Club, said jokingly that we were on "caver's time." She said, cavers wake up at dawn, but are late the rest of the day. After about a 2 two hour drive riddled with unnecessary pit stops, we made it to our rendezvous point.

While we waited for our guides, we sat down for a bite. Nathan Harpster, an alumni Mansfield Geography student, encouraged us to eat up, and, that we'd need all the energy possible for caving. The quiet humming from in the restaurant was suddenly disrupted by the screeching of rubber tires.

Two mud-splattered jeeps covered in caving bumper stickers veered in next to the university van. Our guides finally made it. Before we followed them over to the cavern, they explained ground rules for when we arrive at the entrance of the cave: Because this cave is on Amish property, there will be no photography, no changing out of your muddy clothes above the cave's entrance, and no profanity while we are above ground, they said. Seemed like simple rules to follow.

I could barely sit still on our way over to the property – I imagined all the wonders that waited beyond. Our van snaked through a series of narrow dirt roads until long at last we made it to the entrance of the cavern. We put our helmets and headlamps; some even put wet or dry suits on over their clothes. The smarter and more seasoned of our group brought knee-pads and high-tech gadgets for analyzing the water and soil in the cave.

The entrance wasn't anything impressive. It was just a cement slab with a big rusted

metal door. But as soon as our guides opened the door, the earth breathed steam out into the cold air we were all eager to escape. We descended the long flight of 115 stairs to a giant room filled with dripping stalagmites and stalactites. The room is known as the Cathedral room, which I assume is because of all the large formations. Lot of rock columns and round little stalagmites gave the appearance of a pipe organ. We were only in the cavern for about 10 minutes and I was already stunned by the colossal formations.

I'd been to a few caves in the state, but none were as magnificent as this. Despite many of the formations being vandalized in the 1960s, there is still a tremendous amount of breath taking formations. We stopped to appreciate the awesomeness of the first room of the cave. Some collected samples for their geography classes and others, like me, were like lost tourists – taking tons of pictures.

Alexander's Cavern features both a wet and dry cave. This means there are sections at a higher elevation where water is absent (dry) and there are deep sections that meet underground water (wet). The dry cave was once accessible to the public in the 1920s, but was shut down due to safety concerns and changes in management. There is currently 11,200 feet of surveyed passages in Alexander's cavern.

We then started pressing on further down into the cavern. The air was getting heavier each step we took. I was nonchalantly talking with others from my group – I hadn't noticed that the ceiling was much lower than it had been. This is where it turned from a fairly normal cave tour to a caving expedition. We had to go through a crawl space to get to another room of the cavern.

We trudged over small rocks, muck, and even a small pool of water to get to the next room. This too was absolutely filled with formations. Unfortunately, there were more signs of vandalism here: a stalagmite was broken off into a few sections. In a way it was kind of sad, but it also offered a good look at the inside of

The room we found these broken stalagmites was a dead end. We crawled back and then went down a long path to the underground river. The source of the cavern's water is the Mammoth Spring, which is the third largest spring in Pennsylvania. The floor had turned from a smooth but solid rock to deep and sloppy silt. Our shoes smacked with each step we took. We made our way around a bend to the docks of the river. Some small three-person boats were sitting against the cave's wall, and we laid them out and got with our rowing groups.

I picked a lemon. The boat I shared with my girlfriend and one of the guides had a siz-

able leak in it. The water was cool, and I could feel all the minerals that were inside of it. The minerals gave the water a slippery and slimy texture – the closest thing I could compare it to is the feeling of slug slime. We were the second to last boat out of the dock, so we followed the streams of helmet light in front of us.

On the river we saw silver streaks staining the rock walls, and we even saw wire hanging from the ceiling. Our guide told us that the cave was open to the public in the 1920s, but was soon closed off because of the demand the cavern puts on those who enter. It certainly wasn't as easy as any cave tour I'd been on before. We pulled the boats on a bank about a half a mile downstream and got out.

This was perhaps the most grueling part of our trip: another crawl space. Only this time, it was about 5 feet around and it went vertically. I never thought of myself as claustrophobic, but this was pushing that threshold. My knees were starting to ache after navigating through the seemingly endless crawl space. Now I see the brilliance in wearing kneepads. In one sudden push out of the crawlspace I came into a large room.

There were puddles and formations, and there was even a fossilized centipede. I just was relieved that it would be much easier going back down the small passage we came from. After we took some more pictures and samples we crawled back, followed the dead wires that used to light the cave and headed toward the surface. While we were rowing back to the docks we came from, we were all instructed to turn off our lights. The only sense left in the absolute darkness was the sloshing of water against the boat. It was a perfect moment: one where I was thinking about how awesome the whole experience was. After we got out of our boats, we got back to the Cathedral and found whatever cover we could to change out of our muddy and wet clothes.

I woke up that morning tired – I was think I would regret my decision to sign up to go to Alexander's cavern. I left nearly as exhausted as I came, but was filled with a sense of satisfaction, appreciation and awe. It may not be the typical cave tour, and some parts of the trip were daunting, but I really think my experience at Alexander's Caver was wholly positive. If you would like more information about the cavern or schedule a trip, you can visit the Bald Eagle Grotto website at <http://baldeaglegrotto.weebly.com/alexander-caverns.html>. If you are going on a trip, I'd suggest going in the late summer – it is a cool relief from the hot summer days. Plus the underground stream is lower, so you can access more rooms than we were able to during this specific trip.

Text Techy: Camel Camel Camel

Where can I get a good deal on a computer? Well, it depends. Are you comfortable with ordering online or do you want to be able to bring your computer back for service or upgrades? Big brand stores are convenient, but a smaller tech shop will probably save you some money.

Ask around for a trusted tech shop and you will have more personal relationship in your purchase and support. If you are fine with ordering online there are several choices from many different brands. If you are ok with building your own machine (Why are you reading this? Just go do it) Newegg.com is a trusted site for tech, have competitive prices, and are a great learning resource because of their customer reviews.

Otherwise, if you want a prebuilt machine, many schools and corporations offer discounts to students or employees.

What if you don't mind having used equipment? You can save some money by purchasing "factory certified" refurbished items. Why would you want to do this? First, it's cheaper than buying new. Second, refurbished means that there was a defect discovered in the product and that it was sent back to the manufacturer to fix it.

The item is then brought to the same level of quality of a new item. Here's what to look for: warranty, make sure it's the same length as new; it include all the accessories; they a reputable brand or direct from the company; and that they have an excellent return policy. In some cases this is the only way to get a good discount. For example, Apple rarely discounts its products, so their refurbished products sell fast.

Lastly, what are some good websites to get good deals on tech related items? I like www.techbargains.com and www.slickdeals.net. These sites will have the latest discounts from a wide variety of businesses, mostly technical in nature. Another great site that works in tandem with www.amazon.com is www.camelcamelcamel.com.

Yes, weird name, but it provides a great service. After linking your amazon account, it goes to work providing you the best price for anything in your wish list. It covers new, used, and third party sellers. It tracks the history of the item and e-mails you when it is at its historic low or whatever price point you pick.

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Clubbing Mansfield University's Media

Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
Editor-in-Chief

Despite efforts to make our paper more viable in the eyes of Student Government Association (SGA) and their subcommittee, The Committee on Finance (COF), we have still been denied funds for our paper.

Some of you may wonder where the paper was last week. We have switched to a biweekly publishing schedule in response to COF denying both our budget request which was submitted last semester and our emergency allocation request submitted this semester.

The Flashlight was most recently denied an allocation of \$4,760 dollars--the amount needed to print the issues biweekly for one academic year, which had been double when we printed weekly.

WNTE submitted a budget last year for \$14,679 and were denied any funds. MUTV submitted a budget request of \$24,913 and were

only granted \$11,991. Our very own organization, *The Flashlight*, submitted a budget request of \$9,655 and were denied. COF rejected us because we claimed that our paper was our community service. *The Flashlight* appealed and talked about additional programming that but that appeal was unresolved.

Perhaps the biggest thing that we, *The Flashlight*, hope SGA and COF will understand about our situation is that our University's media organizations are not just special interest clubs. WNTE, our radio station, MUTV, our TV station, and *The Flashlight* operate like businesses - often acting as the arm of Mansfield University reaching out to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as reaching to a broader audience of advertisers and followers in the local community. The media organizations are different from clubs. Whereas a club serves only people with a limited interest, media organizations try to serve the students and public interest.

Organizations that operate like

businesses have constraints that clubs do not. Recently, WNTE had issues with their radio transmitter which opened them up to the liability of a possible F.C.C. fine.

"WNTE's License is held by the Board of Governors, Council of Trustees and upper administration. Mansfield University would be fined - not only if it went down but for any violation of F.C.C. policies. WNTE also must pay licensing fees to ASCAP, BMI and SESAC for the rights to play music. An engineer must also visit WNTE once a year to insure they are operating within F.C.C. guidelines," said previous WNTE advisor, Chuck Hoy.

He added: "MUTV is still providing programming to the Blue Ridge Cable subscriber area in the northern tier (not just Mansfield and Wellsboro). We also produce commercials and air them for local businesses and cover a great many news stories on campus." These stations also give our students oppor-

tunities to produce audio and video programming that can be submitted to professional and student media organizations.

WNTE and MUTV did get partial funding from SGA, but as of this production date, COF still hasn't approved an allocation for *The Flashlight*. We re-submitted our allocation request and are awaiting an answer. In the meantime we have started a Facebook page which you can find by searching *Mansfield University Flashlight* so that we don't lose touch with you. Follow us there for updates to this current situation and expanded articles.

We reported on the front page that the only solid criteria that SGA and COF is currently offering is whether a majority of students are being served. It would seem then that *The Flashlight* and other media organizations should be some of the most impactful organizations on campus. But, judging from our slashed budgets and allocations, we still seem to be falling short.

To make matters more confusing, when we were denied, SGA sent us a number of suggestions that they thought we should implement such as the newspaper should print less

copies to save money. We were told that instead outsourcing our printing of 1,100 copies (about 33% of our student population) to our publisher in Sayre, we should print 300-400 copies at our print shop (reducing our possible outreach to only about 10-15% of our University body). What they didn't realize is that the print shop doesn't even print on newsprint, and each copy would be 91 cents each, which is almost double our current print cost.

I understand and sympathise with this semester's SGA and COF trying to do more with less, but the fact is, the advice we got to save money and keep our organization afloat would both inevitably kill our organization's print publication and would also impede us from performing the very criteria they are basing their allocations on - impacting the University and community.

Because these organizations promote all three main criteria--academic, social, and cultural--they should be automatically funded as are athletics and music in the memorandum of understanding (MOU). Media services on campus need this money to thrive like the businesses they are and speak for MU to the rest of the world.

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It has been a tremendous pleasure and honor being the interim advisor for The Flashlight. When I met the Editor-in-Chief and Production Manager for the first time, I asked if they needed a baby-sitter for a few weeks or if they wanted me to read them the riot act. They said "Read us the riot act," and they were off and running from there. They have tripled their staff, sold a record number of ads, and established a presence on social media. They have battled for funding, established criteria for publishing, and renewed the staff enthusiasm. Keep going Flashlight staff! You are awesome!

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Pure Crime: *Swag* Novel Review

By **KLINE KAUFER**
Staff Writer

Swag is a 1976 crime novel written by Elmore Leonard. Paperback editions, such as the first American edition, were published under *Ryan's Rules*, an alternative and fitting title for the novel.

Swag tells the story of car thief, Ernest "Stick" Stickley, Jr., and car salesman, Frank Ryan. The two become friends after Ryan decides not to testify against Ernest, despite having his car stolen from Ernest. Instead, Ryan has a plan to team up with Ernest to become an armed robber.

After Ernest agrees to this, Ryan gives him his unique "Ten golden rules" for successful armed robbery. These rules are: 1. Always be polite on the job and say please and thank you. 2. Never say more than necessary. Less is more. 3. Never call your partner by name – unless by a code name. 4. Dress well – but inconspicuously. 5. Never use your own car. 6. Never count the take in the car. 7. Never

flash money in a bar or with women. 8. Never go back to an old bar or hangout. 9. Never tell anyone your business and never tell a junkie your name. 10. Never associate with people known to be in crime.

Although these rules may seem obvious to readers, they play an essential role in their line of work. Ironically, during one of their robberies, they steal money from a robber. This wasn't some arbitrary robber they never met though – this robber previously stole from a bar Ryan and Ernest were at. Ryan and Stickley shrug off this theft – they aren't directly stealing from the establishment. Ryan and Stickley enjoy their luxurious living style in their apartment complex with several women down by the pool side. These guys are masters of armed robbery. It is vital, they stick to their ten golden rules or else something could go wrong.

Swag was the first Elmore Leonard novel I read, and it quickly prompted me to read more such as *Killshot*, *Stick* (which Ernest

"Stick" Stickley Jr., reappears in) and *52 Pickup*, which I am currently reading. Elmore Leonard is known for his strong dialogue and realistic, but scary situations. I plan on reading all of his crime novels and eventually his earlier westerns. Elmore Leonard has had several of his novels turned into film adaptations such as *Get Shorty*, *Be Cool*, *Cat Chaser* and his 1992 novel *Rum Punch* which became the film *Jackie Brown* by Quentin Tarantino.

Swag is one of the best novels I have ever read. Elmore Leonard's dialogue makes the characters seem like real people and the violence they commit seems like it would be perfect for a cinematic experience.

Although many of his main characters are going against the law, the reader still ends up rooting for them. *Swag* is a great first read for Elmore Leonard. After reading this novel, Leonard's writing style is simple to understand for people who aren't solely into the crime genre. This novel makes me wonder how actual small time criminals operate in the real world.

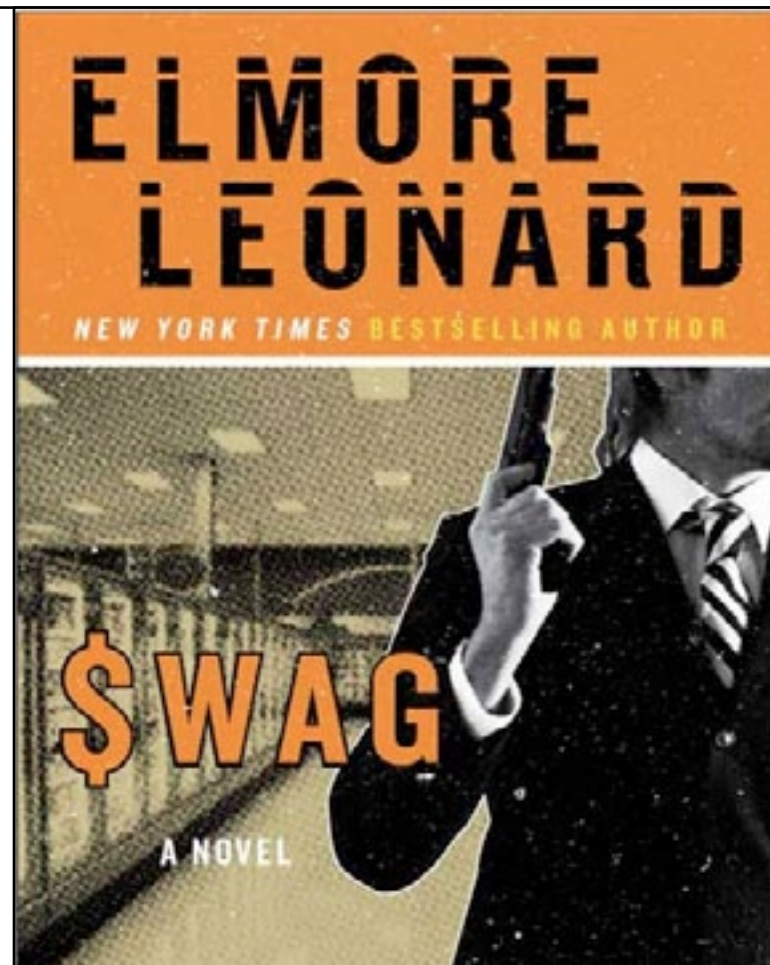


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Leonard's first break in fiction during the 1950s was regularly publishing Western novels.

Featured Organizations: Geography Club and The Art & Design Guild



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Geography club helps out with the 9th annual Hills Creek triathlon.

By **MATT JENNINGS**
Staff Writer

Priding themselves on their devotion to the outdoors, the Geography/Outing Club at Mansfield is an active organization that is under the guidance of club advisor Dr. Russell Dodson. The club takes members on a variety of trips. Recent adventures include bicycling along Keuka Lake, caving in the Alexander's Caverns, even white water rafting. Dr. Dodson likes to say that the club offers something for everyone.

Club officers are also incredibly excited to use the Geoscience Depart-

ment's new UAV or unmanned air vehicle they affectionately call "the drone". Students who have used any campus desktop computer has no doubt seen one of the impressive aerial photos taken by club President Wesley Glowitz, who also leads an in-club "drone school" to teach other students how to use the UAVs.

Club Secretary and Mansfield senior Sarah Estes has often referred to the club as the "Adventure Club" because it no longer focuses on trips related solely to the Geoscience department. She cites her presidency of the club during last semester despite being a Biology student

as further proof that the membership and focus of the club is diverse.

Currently the club is looking to take a group of members to Cherry Springs State Park in the near future. Cherry Springs is a park roughly 40 minutes from campus that boasts the reputation of being one of the darkest places east of the Mississippi. The lack of light pollution makes it an ideal spot for visitors to stop at night and gaze up at the stars.

The club also likes to broaden its horizons in homage to the third part of the Mansfield creed, "Culture". They've often attended various plays and concerts in Wellsboro and Dr. Dodson always manages to get a few students to travel up to Corning and participate in a contra dance, which is related to New England barn dancing and square dancing. Dr. Dodson has said, "If you can walk and chew gum you can contra dance".

The Geography/Outing Club is always looking for new members. They hold their meetings in room 202 of Belknap Hall every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Students looking for further information on the club are encouraged to contact Club President Wes Glowitz at Glowitzwp21@mounties.mansfield.edu



PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE BROSSMAN
Guild Members are (L-R): Sydni Rosenberg (PR), Caroline Dolan, Sarah Smeltz (VP), Madeline Mills (Secretary), Julie Brossman (President), and Brian Rezek

By **JULIE BROSSMAN**
Flashlight Contributor

The Art & Design Guild is a club for graphic design majors and art lovers.

We work on hands-on art projects as well as graphic design projects for campus and local organizations. Currently, we are in the process of updating the look of The Flashlight.

We also have designed several logos in the past for on-campus organizations and are currently working on a few more. Our current

hands-on project is a partnership with the Animal Care Sanctuary in East Smithfield, where we plan to build a series of sculptures and make tags and labels for the animal cages as a way to beautify the space.

Our design expertise is always available to the campus community, however we do encourage a donation to The Guild. Any and all art lovers are welcome to join at any time! Come see what we're all about- meetings every Friday afternoon at 12:15 in Allen 224.

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Giants' Andre Williams Donates Autographed Ball for Saturday's Palmer Pigskin Raffle

MANSFIELD – Andre Williams, a running back for the New York Giants and the 2013 NCAA National Rushing Leader personally provided an autographed NFL football for Saturday's Josh Palmer Pigskin Classic Raffle.

The raffle will be held before and during the season-opening 15th Annual Palmer Pigskin Classic featuring the Mansfield University Mountaineers hosting the Big Red of Cornell this Saturday starting at 1 p.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

The raffle items, along with a limited number of 15th Annual Palmer Pigskin collector's t-shirts will be available. A purchase of the t-shirt will also gain free admission to the game.

More than 20 items will be raffled away after halftime of the game including autographed items from NFL, MLB, and NHL players. Other items include tickets to upcoming Army and Penn State games, a Mansfield team autographed ball, and an autographed book by Dick Vitale

Williams, who is a personal friend of former MU football standout and current assistant coach Jeremy Estremera, provided the autographed football for the Palmer Pigskin Classic Raffle.

You can purchase a raffle ticket for \$5 or three for \$10 at the Sports Information Office in Decker Gymnasium or at the front

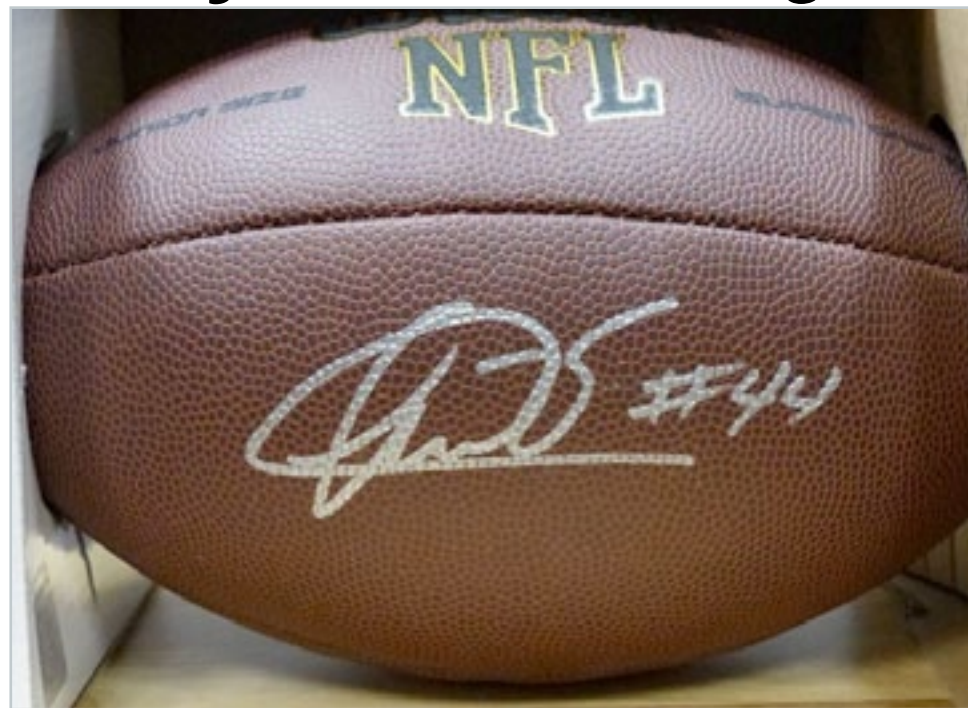


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gates of Karl Van Norman Field starting at noon on Saturday.

All funds raised from the Palmer Pigskin Classic Raffle t-shirt sales goes to support the Josh Palmer Fund which recently eclipsed the one million dollar mark.

Josh Palmer Raffle 2015

Tom Brady Autographed Football (New England Patriots Quarterback)

Andre Williams Autographed Football (New York Giants Running back)

Dontari Poe Autographed Mini Football

(Kansas City Chiefs Defensive Tackle)

Rich Gannon Autographed Football (Oakland Raiders Quarterback)

Lardarious Webb (Baltimore Ravens Cornerback) and Josh Morgan (New Orleans Wide Receiver) Autographed Football

CJ Spiller Laser Autographed Photo (Buffalo Bills/New Orleans Saints)

Fred Jackson Laser Autographed Photo (Buffalo Bills/Seattle Seahawks)

Jacoby Ellsbury Autographed Baseball (New York Yankees Center Field)

Jake Peavy Autographed Baseball (San Francisco Giants Pitcher)

Tyler Myers Autographed Hat (Buffalo Sabers Defenseman)

2015 Army Football home game of choice four tickets One parking pass.

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2015 Mansfield Team Autographed Football.

Two Mansfield University Athletics Season Tickets

Dick Vitale Autographed Book (Getting a W in the Game of Life)

Bob Knight Bobblehead

Cotton Bowl Apparel Package (Hat, Bag, and T-Shirt)

PSAC T-Shirt, Scarf, and Battery Charger Package

Meadows Named ECAC Division II Rookie of the Week

DANBURY, CT – Mansfield University freshman sensation Delaney Meadows has been named the ECAC Division II Women's Soccer Rookie of the Week for the week ending September 20.

Meadows scored all four of Mansfield's goals in a 2-0 week for the Mountaineers. In a 3-1 win over Daemen, the freshman recorded her second-straight hat trick of the season, making her the first player in school history to achieve that milestone and the only player to record back-to-back hat tricks in NCAA Division II this season.

Meadows, who also leads the PSAC in goals with eight and points with 17, then scored the game's only goal in a 1-0 win at Pitt-Johnstown on Saturday, this one coming in the 85th minute.

She currently ranks fifth in the nation in NCAA Division II in goals and points per game.

Mansfield will seek its third straight victory when the Mountaineers host West Chester.



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Three-Peat Repeat! Meadows goes hat-trick again

MANSFIELD – It’s official -- Delaney Meadows has gone hat-trick crazy!

Meadows recorded her second straight hat-trick to lead Mansfield to a 3-1 win over Daemen in a non-conference matchup Wednesday afternoon at the Soccer Field.

“Meadows is off to a great start in her freshman year,” said head coach Tim Dempsey. “Two hat-tricks in a row is a rare and great accomplishment. Her third goal was really a big goal for us and gave up a great lift at a time when we needed one.”

Meadows got off to a fast start, scoring the quickest goal in school history when she took a through ball from freshman Kersten O’Brien, putting past the keeper into the left hand corner of the net forty-seven seconds into the game.

Meadows struck again just four minutes later, this time taking a cross from senior Kelsey Chapman and touching it past the goalie for a 2-0 Mansfield lead.

Daemen closed the gap to 2-1 when Stephanie Zurales curled a long backline shot into the top right corner of the net early in the eighth minute.

Meadows picked up her hat-trick in the 40th minute, taking a pass played from midfield by sophomore Nikki Ortiz and beat

the keeper from 10- yards out.

“It was great to jump out to an early lead and not have to fight our way back,” said Dempsey whose young team fell behind early before coming back in each of the first three games of the season. “We played very well in the first half and that’s a very encouraging sign.”

The win was the first of the season for the Mountaineers who started the year off with three straight games against teams that earned berths in the PSAC playoffs last season.

It marked the first time in the program’s 14 year history a player scored three goals in the same season let along in back-to-back games. Meadows, who entered the game leading the PSAC in goals and points per game, has now scored seven goals after the first four games – already the third most goals in a season in school history.

Chapman, who become MU’s all-time assist leader in the previous game, extended her school record to 10.

Mansfield held a 10-8 advantage in shots on goal with freshman goalie Rachel Fox recording seven saves.

Mansfield gets back to PSAC action when the Mountaineers travel to Pitt-Johnstown on Saturday.



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The Women's Field Hockey of 2015, celebrating 100 years of uninterrupted play.

Mansfield University Women's Field Hockey celebrates 100 years

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
and **DEAN LEE**
Editor-in-Chief
Production Manager

The Mansfield University Women's Field Hockey is celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. It all started in 1915 by a woman named Irene Audry.

In the beginning, the field hockey teams were separated by class: the freshman class would play the sophomores and the juniors played the seniors. Then, Helen Lutz came along and changed everything.

She is considered by most to be the matriarch of women's athletics as we know them at Mansfield University, mainly by aiding in the creation of the Women's Athletic Association (WAA). The WAA paved the way for Mansfield University's women's athletic teams to become more involved with surrounding universities and colleges. Instead of Mansfield University teams only playing against other in-home teams, they began playing other colleges in a big tournament.

Then came Randy Ethermoser,

who was the head coach of the team in 1967. He was also a graduate of Mansfield University. He greatly helping them to become the team we know now. During the 70s, the Women's Field Hockey team played the faculty and staff, whose team name was "The Cold Mountain Gang." Win or lose, in the end, it was all for fun.

In 1983-84 the team became a Division II sport, and was recognized by the NCAA a few years prior to their Division II title. And The Women's Field Hockey team kept growing.

Of all the Division I, II, and III teams there isn't any other field hockey team that has the honor of celebrating 100 years of uninterrupted play and recognition. "This especially makes Mansfield University, and our team, unique," said the current head coach, Brittany Hansrote.

While the team's success and renown has continuously grown, many individual graduates who move beyond Mansfield not only remember their time on the field hockey team fondly, but also credit their time playing as an experience that has enriched their personal and

professional lives.

"Being a member of the Mansfield University Field Hockey team, I was taught the true value of forming and maintaining relationships. If you do not have a relationship with your teammates, quite frankly, you do not have a team at all. I have carried this skill set over into the professional world as well," said Liz Phillippy.

"It was the best 4 years of my life! The Mansfield Field Hockey team became my family away from home, and my sister's for life. It instilled the drive, passion and motivation I have in life today," said Brooke Fronczkewicz Lloyd, a 2003 MU alumnus.

The team's mantra is "Pride and Family." In a video released by the university, Hansrote emphasizes the rich tradition of field hockey at Mansfield University. She cites that throughout these 100 years, family and pride is what brought the team success - both on the field and with one another. Their deep history, their devotion to Mansfield's community, and the hunger to win drive the team.

"Diane Monkiewicz [the head coach] and most of my teammates

still today have such a close bond that we will forever be thankful to Mansfield for creating," said Kristi Swartz, a 2004 MU alumnus.

Hansrote said, that even when she played field hockey in 2006, their team saw themselves as family. That, she said, is why she returned as the team's head coach in March of 2015. Hansrote is backed by a supporting family of Alumni, many of which wrote in to wish the Women's Field Hockey team the best.

"Playing for Mansfield Field Hockey is what shaped me into the woman I am today. I look forward to seeing the continued improvement of the program at Mansfield with the university putting field hockey as a priority," said Marci (Lippert) Scheuing, head coach of Kutztown's Field Hockey team, and 2005 MU alumnus.

Scheuing and Hansrote, both past Mountie field hockey players, will be facing off in the Kutztown v Mansfield Field Hockey game this Saturday, October 10. The ceremony celebrating the 100th anniversary will begin at 2 p.m.

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Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

- On October 23rd at 5:00 p.m. there will be a Bouldering Competition at the rock climbing wall in the Kelchner Fitness Center. There will prizes and free Pepsi products
- On October 24th at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Flat Track Roller Derby Bout at the Kelchner Building, The Dolls of Destruction vs. Dirt Road Dears
- Latin Night will be held at The Deane Center in Wellsboro on October 9th. It will be from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. with a \$5.00 cover charge. No experience is necessary and a 30 minute basic lesson will start at 7:00 p.m. Water will be provided

- Trivia Night will take place on October 29th at the Yorkholo Brewing Company. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee per person and there can be up to 6 people on a team. The winning team will receives a Yorkholo gift certificate
- Study-Abroad Director Dr. Monique Oyallon will discuss opportunities for Mansfield Students to study abroad. It will be at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on October 8th in 317 Alumni
- A presentation about the Ocean City, MD P.D. Internship will be on October 22, 2015 from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. in 307 Alumni. All Criminal Justice students are welcome
- Step up your workout with Bokwa Step at the Ambassador Master Class with Emily Duggan on October 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Kelchner Fitness Center
- Paul is a fool and John was the Walrus (inside joke that not many readers will get, hopefully Beatles fans will get the Walrus part)

POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**
- **As of September 19, 2015 there have been no new reported crimes by the Mansfield University Police Department**

World News

Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com



- 10/2/15 - Musician Billy Joe Royal, the voice of 1960s pop hits who reemerged as a country star in the 1980s, died at age 73. Royal died in his sleep Tuesday in his home in Morehead City, North Carolina, friend and tour partner Ronnie McDowell said. McDowell, a childhood friend, said the two were scheduled to start touring after Thanksgiving.
- 10/2/15 - MaKayla "BooBah" Dyer, 8, was shot and killed last Saturday; an 11-year-old boy is charged in her death. A Tennessee sheriff says the boy asked the girl to play with her puppy and she said no. "I want her back in my arms, this is not fair," the girl's mother says.
- 10/2/15 - Tatiana Vingradova took portraits of young gay men in Russia. The somber mood reflects their real-life isolation and loneliness. "Reality has driven the gay community underground," Vinogradova said. "In Russia, only 1% of the gay population dares to live openly. That is why the general mood in my work is dark and melancholic.
- 10/2/15 - Russia says it fired 26 missiles from Caspian Sea into Syria. U.S. defense chief calls Russian airstrikes a "fundamental mistake". Wednesday's strikes mark a new level of cooperation between Russia, Syrian regime

- 10/2/15 - EU: Mission has goal of disrupting "human smuggling and trafficking networks". Focused in the sea north of Libya, it also aims to "prevent the further loss of life". But rights groups say it brings additional risks for the people it's trying to help
- 10/2/15 - John Ashe, U.N. General Assembly president from September 2013 to September 2014, faces charges. Ashe and others allegedly used their positions as a "platform for profit," U.S. federal prosecutor says
- 10/2/15 - Ohio State biomedical research team grows nearly complete human 'mini brain' Brain organoids can be used to learn more about diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's
- 10/2/15 - Just two weeks after opening, glass walkway China's Henan province closes due to damage. Officials say the damage was superficial and there was no danger to the public. Witnesses claim visitors screamed and ran in fear when cracks appeared in the glass
- 10/2/15 - The U.S. Treasury is seeking information from Toyota about how ISIS has gotten hold of the automaker's trucks, which have been shown in the terror group's propaganda videos. Toyota says it's impossible to fully control how vehicles are resold or misappropriated. A Toyota spokesman suggests that the inquiry looks into a number of private companies
- 10/2/15 - The U.S. Coast Guard said it called off its nearly weeklong search for the missing mariners of the El Faro at sunset Wednesday. "Any decision to end a search is painful," Capt. Mark Fedor said earlier

Mairi Cooper honored as the 2015 Teacher of the Year

By CHEYANNE YOUSE
Staff Writer

The area of Fox Chapel has gotten quite a bit of recognition as of late. Fox Chapel High School orchestra director, Mairi Cooper, was announced as Pennsylvania's 2015 Teacher of the Year.

Originally thinking she was going to be teaching college, she never expected to be teaching at a high school, let alone a high school that has so many opportunities for students. Fox Chapel offers over 20 AP classes and also has team and club sports. Cooper says, "It is imperative that students receive a quality education."

Mairi tells the story of one of her former students named Carol. Carol taught a second grade class down in Louisiana, but had hardly any resources. There was no printer, copier, books, or internet, and all of her students were at different reading levels.

In order to help her, Mairi took Carol in over the summer and helped her plan for her next school year. Mairi was able to gather old 2nd and 3rd grade books from her friends, and send those, along with other classroom essentials, back to Louisiana with Carol.

Carol was making out well until one of the 4th grade teachers resigned. She was moved to 3rd grade and had to leave all of her new supplies behind to a newly combined 2nd grade class. Mairi's students participated in a school-wide drive and ended up collecting 10

boxes of classroom essentials to send down to Carol.

In the words of Mairi, "We have no more important product that we produce than our children." Having the essentials and skills to teach children is one of the most important things.

According to Mairi, there are 5 reasons to become a teacher: 1.) Teaching influences your sphere of influence. 2.) Teaching increases your popularity. 3.) Teaching increases your intelligence. 4.) Your country needs you! 5.) The kids need you!

Cooper thinks of education as a kaleidoscope. Teachers must adjust strategies, lesson plans, etc. to make a beautiful picture. Education is full of mirrors and teachers must adjust constantly to meet the needs of what the mirrors are reflecting.

Cooper states, "I believe that a quality education in the United States is not a nicety, but a necessity." "I believe that creativity and critical thinking is imperative for all students." Cooper believes that the kids deserve not only that quality education, but someone that will help them receive it.

Mairi says, "To the Education majors, what you are doing is going to save our country. You will never regret it."

If anyone would like to contact Mairi Cooper or has any questions, you can email her at patoy2015@gmail.com, or reach out to her on twitter: @patoy2015.



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Mairi Cooper receives her Keystone Award of Excellence at a ceremony in Hershey, PA.

Psychology department adds new forensics concentration

By KATLYNN MCDANIELS
Staff Writer

As requested by the students of Mansfield University, The Psychology Department is delighted to announce their new concentration in Forensics has been approved. After teaming up with the Criminal Justice Administration, Dr. Karri Verno was able to get the program passed in as little as a year. With students commonly stating that they wished for the concentration, Verno also began noticing that students who were majoring in Criminal Justice Administrations were minoring in Psychology, and vice versa. The concentration was created as a way to benefit these two major groups of students. It would open up their schedules and their possibility of other minors, says Verno.

The program is set to launch in the fall of 2016, and students are able to start planning their courses in this concentration as soon as the spring of 2015. Forensic Psychology deals with the application of Psychological theories and principles to legal issues. This degree program will teach its students how to deal with the treatment of mentally ill

offenders: their placement within the system, whether they should have life without parole, mandatory medication or even be sent to jail at all.

Verno, who's expertise rests within the memory of eye-witness testimonies in trying to prevent the addition of false memories or biases, relayed some news that incoming students want. The concentration does require a little bit more credits than most other concentrations. However, if the students were to take full workloads each semester, then they should be able to complete the program in the same amount of time as the rest of the Psychology Degree programs.

Contrary to popular belief, the Forensic concentration does not involve any Chemistry requirement. It is recommended that the students take Forensic Science, or SCT 1104, but it is not necessary. Some of the mandatory psychology- core classes are Introduction to General Psychology (PSY 1101), Research Methods (PSY 2206), and Senior Seminar (PSY 4490), as well as the option between an Internship (PSY 4495), Research Apprenticeship (PSY 4496), Independent Study (PSY 4497),

or two upper-division courses. Some of the Forensic concentration requirements are Lifestyle Development (PSY 3290), Social Psychology (PSY 3310), Forensic Psychology (PSY 4441), Research Methods II (PSY 3306), Stereotyping and Prejudice (PSY 3309) and Child Forensic Psychology (PSY 4404). Three Criminal Justice Administration courses are also required, which are: Interview and Interrogation (CJA 3262), Criminal Law (CJA 3354), as well as choose from a set list of upper division courses.

After getting a Bachelor's Degree in this new program, students would be able to find jobs with only a - counseling delinquent criminal offenders and become a parole officer, say Verno. The addition of this concentration is a wonderful asset to the school and psychology students interested in forensic or criminal justice fields, she adds. Mansfield University is one the only school in Pennsylvania to offer such a program. The faculty and the undergraduates are thrilled to see what this new change will offer.

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SGA discusses mural and COF policy changes

By DEAN LEE
Production Manager



The Student Government Association (SGA) approved the changes made to the Committee of Finance (COF) policy manual.

There were no significant changes made to the document, most changes were in how it was worded. It now clearly defines the MOU for Mansfield University organizations. SGA also mentioned that Mansfield University is at \$8 million deficit. Enrollment of is down 13.66%, but the silver lining is Mansfield University’s retention rate is higher than the last academic year.

SGA President, Brett Helmus, mentioned that the mural project is coming together nicely. The concrete repairs have been made and the artist will be coming up in a few weeks to prime the wall for winter and begin painting in early spring.

The active student organization page is updated on the SGA website. “If your organization or any organization you know isn’t up there, it’s because they didn’t turn in an active recognition form,” said SGA Director of Technology Tara Weirner. “Please have them fill out the form and it will be updated.”

“We have a great e-board, but they seem to be running this organization,” Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management Dr. Bridges said, “we need more involvement from the senators and house of representatives.”

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Contact the Editor-in-Chief Nick Hartranft at flashlit@mansfield.edu if you’re interested in writing articles relating to news, features, or sports.

Or stop by our meeting in Alumni Hall, Room 312 on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

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Letter to the editor: SGA

Not a long time ago, SGA tried paying themselves and there was such outrage, sparked mostly by our beloved Dr. Bosworth encouraging students to give a crap, that the SGA meeting had to be moved to Strauhgn Auditorium and the police were called in to make sure things didn't get too out of hand.

The motion to pay the SGA eboard failed. However, the ethically inclined folks running SGA were also in control of the CCSI board of directors, a board consisting of solely student voting members, and, with no one to stop them, quietly paid themselves through that body with money from the bookstore. (Seriously, no one could stop them.

When I was on the board I infamously asked the question, "So if this board of students votes to pay themselves \$50,000 and disbands CCSI, can anyone stop us?" To which I received the reply, essentially, "Please don't do that." I also made the motion to make the president of the university and his entire cabinet CCSI board members. Ah, memories.)

When Dr. Bridges came to town and explained the relationship between SGA and CCSI and we discovered the impropriety of the situation during my first tenure as Darth-Supreme-Evil-Overlord Jason "Vader" White (DSEOJVW for short...er) of COF, the then SGA president and I made the motion in CCSI to end the behind the scenes pay scheme. After that, I, mainly, approached SGA and explained (over the course of six weeks) that I could not continue to work 30 to 50 hours a week as SGA treasurer/COF chair without getting paid and that I needed to decide between working for SGA/COF for 30 to 50 hours a week for free or going out and getting a job (or just half-assing SGA/COF, which I refused to do). SGA had to decide between paying me to do the job or having me half-ass it (which I refused to do) or having someone else do the job.

No one else wanted the apparently daunting job of treasurer/COF chair, so the SGA senate agreed, reluctantly, to pay SGA exec based on numerous promises by the then SGA eboard to be the super best most awesome SGA ever, and we made efforts to be transparent by putting the pay dollar amounts and job requirements in the SGA Bylaws (also published in the Flashlight...repeatedly).

The idea was that paying the SGA

eboard would compensate people who might otherwise have to choose between a job and working for SGA and to force all of its members to have the highest job standards SGA had ever had along with a tenacious Senate that would hold our feet to the fire demanding work performance because a highly engaged and concerned student population, spurred on by their equally concerned professors, would hold us all accountable by demanding promises be fulfilled and that our jobs were getting done because, hey, you guys are getting paid, after all. The experiment failed, obviously, due to what I like to call Trickle-Down Don't-Give-a-Crapinomics.

First, professors didn't read the paper and/or give a crap that SGA eboard was getting paid or whether or not said eboard was doing its job, which meant that students did not have anyone telling them that they should give a crap, so, students didn't give a crap.

The lack of craps being given was also likely due to some Treasurer guy keeping the money train flowing to all of the student organizations (Think back to, "What's that Flashlight, you didn't follow procedure and now you don't have a budget? No worries, I know it seems bad but we'll help you out). With no students to hold them accountable, the senate showed up each week also not giving a crap (think back to "Hey, that SGA eboard member just said 'no report' again. Aren't we paying them to do something?" Which was met with, "Who gives a crap brah, when's this meeting going to be over? Go Mounties!"). The senate not giving a crap resulted in eboard members giving craps in varying and eventually lesser degrees (Think back to the weekly meetings where Jason transformed into a giant rage monster and yelled at eboard members and senators for not giving craps only to be told that he should smile more). The following year, after I left, without a giant rage monster to continually give them hell, the subsequent eboard members gave even less craps and then eboard members quit out of ethical concerns, having too much work on their plates, and out of not having enough craps to give (Seriously, they were all replaced except for the president).

The rest, as they say, is history. Sort of.

Now the students have an SGA president who was not elected because

SGA didn't hold elections. Said president also made sure that no one from outside of SGA or who had not been a member long enough could run against him in said election that didn't happen despite a call from their adviser to let outsiders (somebody, anybody) run for president of the student body along with some Dean Lee fella writing about it in, you guessed it, The Flashlight. This is paired with the now SGA president, who witnessed two treasurers who had the gusto/evilness/whatever to run SGA in lieu of a weak and disinterested president (sort of like a prime minister running England for the queen), appointing a treasurer who would be sure to be his unquestioning subordinate. Division of power? Not so much. This also comes with SGA having its own budget denied for failing to meet its own requirements (not the first time) and then simply giving itself a budget later (also not the first time).

How can current students and professors fix it? Well, anyone can still join SGA. That's right, they still

Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

haven't placed a cap on senators or figured out an equitable form of representation (like having one senator from each department and one rep from each organization), which means that a group of students could apply to be senators, get accepted, take over SGA, impeach the entire eboard, throw out all of the old policies, write new policies via a constitutional convention with input from across campus in a fair and equitable way. Once the new constitution and finance policies are written, the delegates at the convention vote and voila! - you have a new SGA of the students, by the students, and for the students (all of them, not just the few running the show now). But all of this would require, you guessed it - giving craps. From the professors

on down to the students. It has been my experience though, that most people would prefer to complain and whine about problems rather than fix the problems themselves.

This is just a taste of why they dubbed me DSEOJVW.

"It's not what you say, it's how you say it."

Also a taste of what each week at SGA was like. Can't imagine why anyone thought SGA meetings were boring.

Give em hell Flashlight and current students/professors. You can fix this. Go make your SGA whatever you want it to be because you can actually/literally do exactly that. Go Mounties.

-Jason White
MU Alumni 2014

The Commuter Perspective

By MATT JENNINGS
Staff Writer

Ah, college life. It's a wonderful time; hanging out with friends in your dorm, getting used to a new town, and figuring out the best place on campus to grab a bite to eat. And then a resident meets a commuter. "But wait, people commute to this campus? That's a thing?" "Do you live really close by?" You mean you drive here EVERY DAY?" Most college students don't even realize there's an entirely different class of student at their universities that live life in a totally different fashion. This article is an in-depth look at the life and times of a standard commuter student.

While many students can move on campus with no mode of transportation at all, commuters must construct their entire lives around their vehicle. A commuter must always have access to reliable transportation in order to get to campus and then get home.

A quick pole of students shows that this criteria can range most anywhere including but certainly

not limited to, Nissan Rouges, Jeep Wranglers, Subaru Crosstreks, Jeep Grand Cherokees, Ford Taurus, Dodge Dakotas, Ford Mustangs, even Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Basically, if it has an engine it has driven a commuter student to class at one time. If anything goes wrong with that vehicle, a commuter has a decision to make: limp it to class and fix it later, attempt to fix the problem before going to class, or abandon the vehicle to be fixed later. It becomes a real challenge for students who come from families that have more members than cars and believe it or not "My car broke down" is often not a viable excuse when you miss a test because of it.

Another dimension to the car quandary is weather. Sophomore Geoscience student and commuter Cecil Cooper summed it up nicely "The number one thing on a commuter's mind is what's going on with the weather." Speaking from experience, inclement weather can turn a 20 minute drive into a 35 minute fight for your life as you desperately try to make it to class on time. Weather

is especially treacherous for those that live on the back roads that might not get snow plowed off it before a commuter has to travel on it. While every student looks forward to a "Campus closed" email, it is a godsend to a stressed out commuter who doesn't want to brave the blizzards.

I asked several commuters just how far they have to drive to get to campus. Answers went something like this: 5 minutes, 15, 15, 20, 20, 25, 30, 30, 30, 35, 35, 35, 35, 40, 45, 45, and 1 hour. That's a 30 minute average commute with clear skies and no traffic. Just imagine having to wake up an extra hour early just to check to make sure your car has enough gas and then drive to campus every day.

Commuters, both students and professors, put a lot more effort into college than they're given credit for. Sure, campus life brings its own challenges, but next time you attempt to set up a meeting time for a group project, keep in mind some of your group is investing a lot more effort in showing up than you think.

Featured Organizations: Nerf Club & Spectrum



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The Nerf Club's Facebook Page has over 150 participants. HvZ is also done at other campuses.

By **MATT JENNINGS**
Staff Writer

Unless you're new to Mansfield, you've seen them around. And if you are new, you're guaranteed to see them soon. You'll see those crazy paranoid students and faculty members arming themselves to the teeth with an arsenal of Nerf blasters and sporting a bright orange arm band: the "Humans." Opposite them, observers will see the other team: "Zombies" donning a bright orange headband and a hunger for brains. These are the teams of the popular campus event "Humans vs. Zombies."

Humans vs. Zombies, or HvZ for short, is the most popular event run by the Mansfield University Nerf Club. While HvZ has been around for several years, there wasn't an official organization in charge of it until the fall of 2013. The old group of students in charge of the game officially stepped down to let a new generation of students take charge. That new generation was led by then-sophomore Music student Dylan Krall, who was elected president. Krall's administration worked tirelessly to transform themselves into an official campus organization. Since 2013, the Nerf Club has become more organized and has successfully applied for funding from the Committee on Finance to purchase official "Humans vs Zombies" bandanas to avoid confusion as to who is playing the game and who is not.

While the HvZ is without a doubt the club's largest event, drawing anywhere between 100 to 160 students to participate in the past, the club has learned to incorporate its namesake blasters into many new games. The Nerf Club Hunger Games is an all-day free-

for-all that ends in a sole “tribute” claiming victory over their competition. The Nerf Club also increasingly works with admissions to set up weekend games during student visit days so that visiting students can get involved in the action.

The game typically lasts 10 days and can go on throughout the entirety of the day. Krall, still president and now a senior, has described it as a “glorified game of tag.” At its base concept, that’s what HvZ is. The game starts with every player on the human team with the exception of a select few “zombie” players called the “original zombies”. The original zombies spend the first day with no telltale headband on, thus allowing them to stealthily hunt humans and tag them. Once tagged, a human is “dead” and must put their armband on their head and play for the zombie side. A human can shoot a zombie with a Nerf dart and stun them for 15 minutes, during which time the zombie is unable to tag a human. You will also see “safe zones” where humans and zombies can’t interfere with one another. The game ends at the final mission: extraction. This is where all humans and zombies face off in a final climactic battle.

This semester's HvZ will be played from October 7 to October 16. Non-players are asked to avoid interfering with the game or helping either side. Those that would like to learn more about the Nerf Club are invited to like their "Mansfield University Nerf Club" page on Facebook or email the club at munerfclub@gmail.com.



COURTESY OF MARY PULANCO

There are about 20 members involved in Spectrum. You can also request to join their group on Facebook.

By MARY PULANCO
Flashlight Contributor

Welcome to all, Spectrum is an organization dedicated to creating a positive and more affirmative environment for GLBTQ+ students, staff, faculty, and allies at Mansfield University. Throughout the year, the group takes members on trips, conferences, and hosts many events.

Past events include the annual drag shows, Pride Week, Coming Out Day events, film nights, and speakers, such as Rev. Irene Monroe, Andrea Gibson, and Judy Shepherd. Feel free to join the group for events taking place in October: Coming Out Day Celebration on October 9, Spirit Day and Drag Bingo on October 15, and the Halloween-themed Drag Show on October 23.

Spectrum also offers an array of GLBTQ+ resources, like books and films, to be checked out. These resources can be found in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. Another avail-

able resource will be a November event called "Meet the Group with Alphabet Soup!" This is an open forum to answer questions and discuss any GLBTO+ issues.

In addition, the group is becoming more active in raising awareness for community issues. Transgender Awareness Week in November will highlight transgender/non-binary gender issues with events such as Break the Box/Binary, the Trans* Day of Remembrance Vigil, and Tea and T*. Fundraisers towards the Ali Forney Center, a homeless LGBTQ+ center, and other organizations continue throughout the year.

All are welcome to join Spectrum at any time! The group meets every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 314. For more information about the group, events, or minutes, feel free to contact Secretary Katie Christman at christmankd31@mounties.mansfield.edu.



Film Review: *Reservoir Dogs* Tarantino's first is an instant hit

By **KLINE KAUFER**
Staff Writer

Reservoir Dogs is Quentin Tarantino's debut film from 1992. The film tells a story of eight men who plan a jewel heist. On the heist everything that can go wrong, goes wrong. The intriguing element about this film is the fact that although it is a heist movie, the audience never actually sees the heist. The film goes from the guys sitting in a diner talking about the normal everyday conversations such as Madonna's song "Like A Virgin" and reasons why Mr. Pink does not tip waitresses to a bloody aftermath. This "mundane" quickly became Tarantino's signature dialogue.

After the diner scene, Mr. Orange is screaming in the backseat of a car that Mr. White is driving because he got shot after the heist. Mr. White is taking him to the warehouse, which is their safehouse. This is where the majority of the film takes place.

The warehouse is where the driving force of dialogue comes out and where the characters become violent with each other. When Mr. Pink arrives at the warehouse, he immediately suspects someone set them up. Tension soon builds between Mr. White and Mr. Pink and guns are drawn. As this film goes on, it becomes clear to the audience who set them up and why Mr. Orange lies still

for most of the movie covered in blood. The unconventional ways of telling characters' backstories and the planning of the robbery as the movie goes on is genius.

This film is told in a non-linear fashion which Tarantino was also able to showcase with his later films as well. The ensemble cast in *Reservoir Dogs* is stellar. It includes Steve Buscemi as Mr. Pink, Michael Madsen as Mr. Blonde, Harvey Keitel as Mr. White, Tim Roth as Mr. Orange, Eddie Bunker (who was in fact a criminal in real life) as Mr. Blue, Quentin Tarantino as Mr. Brown, Lawrence Tierney as Joe Cabot and Chris Penn as Nice Guy Eddie.

The reason for the mysterious color names reveals itself late in the film when Joe Cabot (the crime boss) tells the guys he doesn't want them to know anything about each other, except for his son, Nice Guy Eddie.

The character development in this movie is incredible. We soon come to realize that Mr. Pink is the annoying guy who refuses to tip and constantly says how they're "supposed to be professionals." After Mr. Orange is shot, Mr. White acts as the "father figure" towards him. Mr. Blonde is the most unique character of the film. He is a psychopathic criminal who thoroughly enjoys torturing cops. Each character has their own voice, which is extremely important in a dialogue driven movie.



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Reservoir Dogs was Tarantino's premier motion picture - Tarantino has always cameod in all of his films

Reservoir Dogs first premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and was an instant hit. There were several people at different festivals, including recently deceased director Wes Craven, who walked out during the infamous torture scene where Mr. Blonde tortures a cop in a chair to the son "Stuck In The Middle

With You." This film was made on a \$1.2 million budget and made back \$2.8 million. *Reservoir Dogs* is easily a 10/10. The premise of having a heist movie without actually showing the heist was something Tarantino is capable of. This film paved the way for his future works.

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Text Techy: Hard drives drive a hard bargain

PSECU financial corner: Advice on student refund checks

What is the best way to extend the life of my computer?

It depends on your budget. The most impressive improvement one can make to the speed of their computer is to switch from a HDD (Hard Disk Drive) to SSD (Solid State Drive).

With a SSD, computer boot up times can shrink down to a few seconds instead of several minutes. The advantages don't stop at speed. SSDs have no moving parts, so they are more durable. This is great for laptops and portable storage devices. The biggest disadvantage to SSD is price.

A 128 GB SSD will be just under \$100, while a HDD will be about half the cost. If you decide to update your hard drive remember that switching out the drives and installing the software takes time. The most convenient way to switch is to use imaging software to duplicate the information on both drives. This software can range from \$50 to free. Paragon, Acronis, and O&O are trusted companies in this field, while AOMEI and Clonezilla are great free alternatives.

Adding memory is another way to extend the life of your machine. However, be sure to read the manuals on the limitations and specifications of your computer's motherboard. Memory needs to match up in speed and type. This is an easy upgrade if there are open slots available to add memory (most computers have two, three, or four slots).

Even if there are no open slots, taking out lower capacity memory modules and replacing them with larger ones can be more cost effective than other replacements.

As prices of computers continue to drop, it becomes a more difficult decision whether to replace or buy a new one. The tips above will allow you to extend the life enough to save up for a new machine.

Why do I need to back up my data?

If you are not backing up your information it is not a question of if but when will you lose it. Disk drives are fragile, magnetic devices that have an unknown life span.

With the amount of free alternatives to backing up your data, including online services, there is no reason to not have a copy of all your important information. Plan on having storing your data on at least three devices. Why three? One should always be in a different location than the other two, so while you are backing up the 1st to the 2nd, the 3rd is safely tucked away.

Portable hard drives, including thumb drives, are convenient and cheap back-ups. The thing to remember is the more important the data, the more effort you should be putting in to keep it safe. Unfortunately, most people don't have a backup plan until after the first time they lose something important.

Ocean of invisible plastic

By JESSI VANCE
Flashlight Contributor

If you throw a cup out the car window, you know you're littering. If you drop a gum wrapper on the ground, you know you're littering. Did you know that you may be littering every time you brush your teeth, take a shower or wash your face? I didn't.

I have always used an exfoliating face wash, specifically designed to help remove dead skin cells and leave your face feeling fresh and smooth. The brand I use even contains menthol to add a cool tingling sensation to my morning routine. It also has thousands of little blue specks that make the gel feel slightly gritty. That's the part that is doing the exfoliating. I always thought that those little dots were just concentrated particles of the cleaning agent that dissolved while I was scrubbing my face. After all, by the time I go to rinse, I don't feel them anymore, so they must have dissolved, right? Wrong.

Those little dots are actually plastic and they get washed down your drain when you rinse. Since they are so small (2 millimeters or less. That's smaller than the ear on a dime), they tend to pass right through the water treatment plants and end up in rivers, lakes and oceans. The plastic is extremely absorbent, sucking up pollutants and toxins from the water it is floating in. While this might seem like a good thing at first (less pollution in the water is a good thing) it's not such a good thing when those tiny little beads get eaten by fish and other wildlife.

The beads can be up to a million times more toxic than the water it is in. When something eats those beads, those toxins leach into the animal - then in to *you* when you eat it. My Friday fish fry is no longer sounding quite so appealing.

After learning about these tiny little pollution bombs, I started looking into what other products might contain them and how I could identify them at the store when I was

By EMILY SHOSH
Staff Writer

What is a Student Loan Refund?

To get money for tuition, books and the other stuff you need for your education, you probably took out at least one loan. Those borrowed funds were sent directly to your school's financial aid office, and applied to your account. If you owe money, you'll receive a bill. But if your account has a positive balance, your school will issue a refund to you. To be clear: IT IS NOT "FREE" MONEY. That refund is part of your initial loan amount. You need to pay your entire loan back when you graduate.

How do I manage my refund?

Since you will have to pay back all loan money, it's important to use only what you need. Consider all of your income sources. Next, list your education-related expenses, and then your other expenses for the semester. If you

find you don't need all of your student loan money, check with your school's financial aid office on how to return the money and reduce your loan.

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shopping. There are 3 different things to look for in the ingredients list; polyethylene, polypropylene and polymethyl methacrylate. If you see any of those, your product contains microbeads. They are also lurking in places you might not expect. Microbeads can be found in toothpaste, body wash, face scrub, some kinds of "age defying" makeup, nail polish and lip gloss.

Given their unexpected effect on the environment, several states here in the U.S. and multiple countries around the world are considering banning the use of microbeads. This would force manufacturers to revert to using natural, biodegradable components that have a less toxic impact. Check out "Microbeads – The Story of Stuff" on Youtube or Google "Ban The Beads" to learn more.

McCurry and Jones Lead Mounties at Mike Woods Invitational



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Allison McCurry finished 20th overall in a field of 453 runners while Jesse Jones was 85th in a field of 534 runners to lead the Mansfield University women's and men's cross country teams at the 37th Annual Mike Woods Geneseo Cross Country Invitational at Letchworth State Park Saturday.

It was an outstanding performance by McCurry with the junior posting a time of 22:30.3 over the 6k course. Senior Allison Macon finished in the top quarter of the field placing 98th overall at 23:41.6.

Senior Kelly Snyder was 148th with a time of 24:15.4 with sophomore Kirsten Anderson coming in 183rd at 24:28.2. Junior Melanie Hilliard rounded out the Mountaineers top five scorers finishing 197th with a time of 24:28.2

Jones was Mansfield top men's finisher with a time of 26:21.3 over the 8k course with fellow senior Quashaun Willis coming in 159th at 27:00.0 flat. Junior Ben Drexler finished in the top half of the pack at 251st (27:37.3) with freshmen Parish Bridges (27:40.0) and Bailey Lutz (27:50.0) placing 257th and 276th respectively.

The Mountaineers women finished 19th overall out of 32 teams while the 28th out of 38 teams.

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Mounties Hit the Road Sunday against CSFL Newcomer Chestnut Hill

Move over NFL – the Mounties are playing on Sunday.

The Mansfield University sprint football team will hit the road for the first time this season when the Mounties travel to Philadelphia to face CSFL newcomer Chestnut Hill this Sunday.

The game is scheduled for a noon start at Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School Football Stadium. Fans unable to attend the game can still follow the action via streaming broadcast on ESPN Radio Williamsport with a link available at GoMounties.com.

The Mountaineers have struggled to get their offense established in opening season losses at home to Cornell and Navy.

A young Mansfield team ranks 9th in the CSFL in both scoring offense and total offense after facing two of the tops teams in the league. The Mountaineers have fared much better defensively ranking fourth in the CSFL in pass defense and third in kickoff and punt returns.

Senior Sean Green is the CSFL's top punter, averaging an impressive 40.4 yards per game while freshman running back Aren

Harris ranks seventh in the league in rushing, averaging 69.0 yards per outing.

Senior Spencer Underdown leads the league in tackles with 20 stops after the first two games of the season while sophomore Alexander Nicolas is fifth with 16 tackles including a league-leading 12 solos. Jonathan Badman and Evan Ruggles are tied for 11th in the league with 14 tackles each.

Chestnut Hill is under the direction of former Mountaineer assistant coach Mike Pearson. The Griffins won their first ever football game two weeks ago when they downed Princeton 48-13.

Chestnut Hill had a week off from that opener where it displayed a balanced offense, rushing for 244 yards and passing for 192.

Transfer quarterback Reginald Robinson went 11-of-18 for 192 yards and three touchdowns while Desantae Callis ran for 127 yards on 14 carries.

Mansfield returns home to Karl Van Norman Field next Saturday when the Mountaineers host Army West Point for LUMA 2105.



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Chapman Scores and Fox Saves in 1-0 Win over Clarion

Senior Kelsey Chapman scored early in the second half and freshman Rachel Fox recorded her second shutout of the season to lead Mansfield to a 1-0 win over Clarion in a PSAC women's soccer matchup Saturday afternoon.

"I'm very proud of this team's effort of the past two days," said head coach Tim Dempsey after the Mountaineers tied Seton Hill 1-1 on Friday and picked up a conference win today. "They have really shown a lot of character and everyone's contributed."

Mansfield, playing its second contest in less than 24 hours, carried the action for most of the game including putting seven shots on goal to Clarion's two in the first half.

The Mountaineers finally broke through early in the second half when freshman Delaney Meadows drove the left side of the field a center a perfectly placed ball through a crowded field to Chapman who placed the ball into the upper

portion of the next.

It was Chapman's second goal of the season and ninth of her career moving her into a tie for fifth place on the school's career goal list. Meadows picked up her second assist of the year and moves into second place in the single season points list with 20 trailing just Lyndi Keiser's 22 points in 2005.

Mansfield's defense played an inspired game, especially Fox in the goal. The freshman sensation had a number of key saves and has been one of the keys in Mansfield start this season. Three of her eight saves came in the final 15 minutes to preserve the win.

Mansfield had 12 shots on goal to Clarion's eight.

The Mountaineers, who improve to 3-5-1 overall and 2-5-1 in PSAC play, travel to Bloomsburg on Wednesday.



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Softball Puts Six on NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete List



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Mansfield University Softball's Ashley Inman, Laura Lawson, Megan Miller, Casey Pearce, Hannah Secord and Rachael Sterner have been named National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division II All-America Scholar-Athletes.

In order to qualify for NFCA Scholar-Athlete status, the student-athletes must

maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Inman, Lawson, Secord, and Miller are all repeat Scholar-Athlete recipients from the NFCA.

The Mountaineer posted 12 wins during the 2015 season including seven wins in the highly competitive PSAC East.

29th Annual Butsko Awards to Be Presented as Part of LUMA

29th Annual Butsko Awards to Be Presented as Part of LUMA on Oct. 10 – Mike Guanciale to Receive Butsko Award, Guy Smith the Jay Atkins Mountie Award and Tony Confer the Austin Snyder Appreciation Award

Mike Guanciale '07 will be honored with the Butsko Award while Guy Smith '76 and Tony Confer '97 will be recipients of the Jay Atkins Mountie Award and Austin Snyder Alumni Appreciation Award during the 29th Annual Frank Butsko Brunch ceremonies.

The Frank Butsko Brunch will take place on Saturday, October 10 starting at 10 a.m. in North Manser Dining Hall. All Mansfield University football alumni and their guest are invited to attend free of charge by registering at GoMounties.com.

The Butsko Brunch has been an annual event since 1986 to honor the memory of former Mountaineer assistant coach Frank Butsko who was killed in an automobile accident during a recruiting trip.

The Butsko Award, has traditionally been presented to an offensive lineman to honor Butsko who served as offensive line coach during his Mountaineer tenure.

The John "Jay" Atkins Mountie Award was established in 2010 to honor 1994 Butsko Award winner John "Jay" Atkins after he contracted multiple sclerosis. The award is presented to a Mansfield University football player who has shown remarkable courage while demonstrating perseverance and dignity in overcoming adversity.

The Austin Snyder Alumni Appreciation Award was established in 2006 and is named in honor of longtime Mountaineer supporter and former football standout Austin Snyder.

The award is presented to a MU alum for outstanding contributions to the betterment of Mountaineer football demonstrating perseverance and dignity at Mansfield University.

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Inman Presented with Award of Valor

Mansfield University softball standout Ashley Inman was presented with the ECAC Award of Valor during the annual ECAC Honors Luncheon Monday afternoon at the Matrix Conference & Banquet Center.

Inman was presented with the award by ECAC President & CEO Kevin McGinniss as one of the highlights of the Honors Luncheon held in conjunction with the annual ECAC Convention & Trade Show.

The ECAC Award of Valor is one of the most prestigious honors presented by the ECAC and recognizes an exceptional student-athlete whose courage, motivation and relentless determination serves as an inspiration to all student athletes.

Inman was the first Mansfield University student-athlete to receive the prestigious award.

The junior pitcher was recognized for her inspirational and courageous comeback from emergency brain surgery to return the softball diamond where she won 75% of the team’s games this year.

A strong contingent of Mansfield Uni-



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versity representatives were on hand to witness the historic event including Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks ‘79 and his wife Connie, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Chris Bridges, head softball coach Edith Gallagher and assistant coach Angie Hunley, Ryan MacNamara from the sports information office and Chyenne Bostwick of Marketing video team that produced the much heralded video “The Comeback Kid” that chronicles Inman’s amazing story.

Also on hand were a pair of Mansfield University football alumni. Freddie Coleman ‘87, the popular host of ESPN Radio’s Freddie Coleman Show that airs weekdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Don Faulstick ‘86.

Faulstick was the starting quarterback and Coleman a starting wide receiver during their undergraduate years at Mansfield under head coach Tom Elsasser.

Faulstick, now the Director of Athletics at Amhurst College, was accepting the ECAC Division III Institution of the Year Award for Amhurst.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
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- SPRINT at University of Pennsylvania 7:00 p.m.	- FH vs West Chester University 12:00 p.m. - WSOC vs Mercyhurst University 1:30 p.m.				- WSOC at Kutztown University 3:00 p.m. - FH at Seton Hill University (Pa.) 4:00 p.m.	

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Phi Beta Sigma inc. lead the million Mountie march

By NICK HARTNARFT
Editor-in-Chief

Phi Beta Sigma Incorporated held two events last week to bring about awareness to issues of diversity, prejudice, and equality by holding a Police Brutality discussion on Tuesday, October 15 in Alumni Hall, Room 307, and the "Stand Up & March" event on Thursday, October 17 outside at South Hall Mall to honor the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March. Phi Beta Sigma Inc. had heavily influenced the original Million Man March and wanted to hold event for students to march for a cause they hold dearly.

The students present at the Police Brutality discussion were asked to analyze why this is becoming a more rampant issue in our society. Many people had different answers – but one thing mostly everyone agreed with is that mass media is heavily dictating what we discuss – now more so than ever.

"It is a double-edged sword," said student James Blew. "On the one hand [with social media], we are made aware of these issues and can correct them faster and more efficiently than we could previously. But on the other hand we are overexposed to these issues, further creating rifts between police and citizens."

Students were encouraged to reflect upon how both groups: the "brutal" police and the "criminal" citizens are both stereotyped. Attendees were shown how we go from a place of disrespect to one of understanding.

When students discussed police's actions, they were prompted to address them as "police officers" rather than the derogative term "cops", which proved to be hard for many students there. This also brought up a discussion of the TV



Mansfield University Phi Beta Sigma chapter was established in 1978.

show with the singular word as its title. But, like most media, it is to sell an image, Alan Zellner, the moderator of the discussion, said.

Some never experienced police brutality on a grand scale, but fear that possible outcome.

"Just because of my size, my color, and my gender, I am constantly afraid that I might end up at wrong place at the wrong time. That's why I try to avoid police as much as I can," said Jarrett May-Johnson, a co-president of Phi Beta Sigma.

Things got personal at some points; about half of the attendees were either victims of police brutality or were witness to it.

"My brother was shot by a police officer," Marquise Isaac-Rivers, a Phi Beta Sigma member, said. "Even though the officer was found not guilty and had the evidence to back him up, it is still hard to believe. It's something I'll have to live with forever."

The conversation ended with a deeper appreciation of different

perceptions and the idea of making society better for future generations.

Gun control was the ending topic, to which Abby Eckert, a student attendee responded: "Police are trained to abruptly end confrontations and threats – instead I think they need to be trained on how to reach a resolution."

While the police brutality discussion had attendees questioning and examining differences in perception, the "Stand Up and March" event celebrated differences and briefly unified Mansfield students to support one another in important causes.

The march started at South Hall Mall, went past Pine Crest and Oak, then back up the hill past Kelchner, Maple, and Laurel. It then went through Manser then to come back to South Hall Mall. There were approximately 100 students in attendance.

"I am amazed and proud that so many students showed up to the march," said Isaac-Rivers.

Upon their return to South Hall, students then introduced themselves before the other marchers and proclaimed the reasons they were marching. Some marched on behalf of a group, and marched for broad goals, like creating awareness for cancer, calling for equality and unity of all peoples, and calling for the celebration the immense diversity found at MU. While other marched for themselves and had very specific reasons as to why they marched.

When asked about the march, May-Johnson said, he was glad that the march achieved their goal of bringing together many voices from the University to reach a mutual understanding of one another.

However, he and Lascelles Boothe, co-president of Phi Beta Sigma Inc., feel there are still obstacles to overcome when it comes to equality and understanding diversity at Mansfield University.

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Info-To-Go Campus Bulletin Board

- On Friday October 30th on the South Hall Mall from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Hot apple cider, cookies, cupcakes & other Halloween treats (not a typo) will be handed out and Mansfield's own WNTS 89.5 the Giant will be there.

- On Thursday October 29th at 4:00 p.m. in Allen Hall 104 Professor Judith Sornberger will be reading from her book: *The Accidental Pilgrim: Finding God and His Mother in Tuscany*. The reading will be free and open to the public.

- On Sunday October 25th at 2:30 p.m. in Steadman Theater the Annual Fall Choral Collage. Featuring: Women's Choir, Men's Choir, Mansfieldians, Chamber Singers, Festival Chorus, and the Concert Choir.

Admission is Free.

- Throwback Thursday Trivia will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the North Hall Visual News Library (1st Floor) on 10/22, 11/19, 2/18, and 3/24.

- Just for Members - PSECU's Cap & Gown Special
Your on-campus credit union, PSECU, has a special members-only offer for graduating seniors. Between now and December 1st, 2015, vouchers for a free cap and gown set will be available for the first come, first serve to eligible students. The giveaway is open to current PSECU members or anyone who applies for membership between now and December 1st, 2015.

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- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

- 9/23/15 - University Police conducted an investigation regarding damage which occurred to the Oak 1st floor north hallway door on September 08, 2015. On September 23, 2015 the above listed individual was referred to Campus Judicial for causing the damage to the door.

- 10/4/15 - On 10/04/2015, at approximately 0056 hours, this station received a call for an alcohol violation in Hickory room 333. Sawyer Mason was found to be under the influence of alcohol while under the age of 21 years old. Sawyer was cited for underage consumption and judicially referred.

- 10/7/15 - Female complainant advised police a male non-student forced indecent contact on her while in her dormitory room. A police investigation was initiated.

World News



Headlines from across the planet
Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

- 10/21/15 - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blames Palestinian leader for "incitement". Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas slams ISIS comparisons, asks world to protect Palestinians. U.N.'s Ban Ki-moon visits West Bank, urges all sides to show "courage" to reach a peaceful solution.

- 10/20/15 - Russian pilots over Syria on two recent occasions have flown very close to U.S. warplanes, according to a U.S. official. There was no hostile action by either side and no indication of hostile intent in these two incidents.

- 10/20/15 - More than 100,000 people are in shelters, the Philippines' emergency management chief says. Early estimates are that damages will exceed \$114 million, official says. Floodwaters have inundated towns in central Luzon.

- 10/20/15 - Disbelief after ex-U.N. official Jacqueline Sutton found dead in Turkish airport. Former BBC journalist and U.N. official found dead in restroom at Istanbul airport. Friends and colleagues are calling for investigation into Jacqueline Sutton's death.

- 10/20/15 - Fugitive drug lord 'El Chapo' injured while evading Mexican authorities. Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman broke out of prison through an underground tunnel in July. Officials say intelligence pointed them to focus on northeast Mexico.

- 10/20/15 - Justin Trudeau, Liberals win clear majority in Canada elections. Justin Trudeau, son of a former Prime Minister, addresses supporters and Canadians as Prime Minister-designate. Trudeau's victory denies fourth term to Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

- 10/18/15 - Top al Qaeda leader Sanafi al-Nasr killed in U.S. airstrike, Pentagon says. Pentagon: Sanafi al-Nasr, a Saudi citizen, killed in air strike by U.S.-led coalition in Syria. Nasr was the head of the Khorasan Group, said to be plotting attacks against the West. He is the fifth senior Khorasan Group leader killed in the last four months.

Science Institute holds environmental education day

By NICK HARTRANFT

Editor-in-Chief

The Institute of Science and the Environment (The Institute) along with members of Mansfield University's Geosciences and Environmental agencies of Tioga county held the first Environmental Education Day at Mill Cove on Thursday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The program's purpose was to aid the Mill Cove board in acquiring a DEP grant for \$3,000, but perhaps more importantly for Mansfield University, a way of introducing our students, faculty, and nearby businesses to prospective high school students in Tioga County.

The idea for the Environmental Education Day was originally devised by The Institute of Science and the Environment. They sent out requests to high schools throughout Tioga County asking what environmental issues or concepts students would most like to learn about. In the end, these 75 kids (roughly) who attended got to experience the gambit of environmental sciences: from having an instructional presentation on UAV drones to tasting an earthen delicacy – dirt (to assess its components, of course).

Five high schools sent students for Environmental Day, said Lilace Guignard, Director of Education and Outreach for the Institute of Science and the Environment. "It

was an amazing turnout considering it was the first time we're holding this event," she added.

All the hard work and effort put forth by The Institute – securing substitute teachers, busses, and presenters seemed to be worth it in the end. At least according to some of the students who attended.

"I especially liked the UAV presentation and the fisheries presentation – I didn't know there was so much to environmental sciences," said D.J. Carroll, a Mansfield High School senior. "I ended up learning a lot... but I could have done without the dirt eating," he added.

"The wetlands presentation was really interesting to me – there is a lot of application for learning about water and wetland management," said Shane Kelly, another Mansfield High School senior.

The environmental agencies seemed happy to have captivated the students and hope that this exposure will help these high school students currently and in their future.

"High school students have limited opportunities now, but they still can volunteer to fulfill their graduation requirements and it is a great jumpstart to their career as a college student or their vocation," said Jason Caldwell, a ranger with the Amry Corp of Engineers.

But it is important for these students to know about our programs as early as possible – we provide highly competitive internships, but also have employed a new way of hiring



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Tioga County high school students assist Dr. Moyer with the fisheries session.

through a program called pathways, which is really beneficial for students, Caldwell added.

"It is important for students to know how many opportunities are out there," said SAM coordinator, Matt Abrahms. "We staff people with numerous backgrounds of study: speech pathologists, outdoor and recreation specialists, environmental scientists, and social workers – to name a few. And our program is centered around using the outdoors to motivate underprivileged and at-risk youth."

Guignard and others present at the Environment Day look forward to making this an annual event in years to come. "We already have plans for next year: we hope to have more guest speakers and invite at least twice as many students." To many, the first Environmental Education Day was about getting your feet wet. "This [was] a great opportunity for students to get their feet wet in exploring environmental careers and the opportunities available to them in Tioga County," said Abrahms.

FIT tuition to be implemented in spring

By NICK HARTRANFT

Editor-in-Chief

Mansfield University is changing under-graduate student tuition this upcoming spring semester. The University is switching from a lump-sum model to a per credit model and are calling it "Freeze Individualized Tuition" (FIT).

In a Mansfield Broadcast email dated from October 9, John Adams, Vice President and Financial Administration, spells out what this shift in tuition model will mean for students.

"Mansfield University recognizes this program increases the cost of attendance for current students," Adams said. "Additional need-based funding will be available to assist eligible students in meeting the increased costs."

Just from doing the math in this email, students, regardless of their credit hours, will be paying more for their classes than they had previously. However, these rates will be

locked for 8 semesters or 4 years of cumulative study (freeze rates can be applied for 5 years if there is a disruption in a student's time of study).

Besides the increased tuition, students will also pay a freeze fee of 1% of their total tuition costs. It is unclear at this time how this freeze fee will be applied (yearly, semesterly, or a one-time fee). What this fee does is lock you in to a "cohort" and will keep your tuition rates from increasing or decreasing. This upcoming spring semester will begin the 4 year period for the 2016 cohort.

Dr. Chris Bridges, Vice President of Student Affairs, held an information session regarding the FIT program on October, 13 before the SGA meeting. At this session attended by about 15-20 students, he answered some of the students' burning questions.

What we found out from that meeting was the FIT program is not going to be applicable to dual majors, nor will it apply to students enrolled in summer or winter classes, but will be cancelling the High Contact

Course (HCC) fee that was implemented this semester – good news for students taking lab courses that used to have the HCC fee attached to them.

"We are also looking into eliminating other fees for music students and nursing students with the implementation of the FIT program," said Bridges.

Mansfield University President Francis Hendricks was also in attendance at this meeting. He told students that there are many levers they haven't pulled yet. But he is excited at the direction this program will take Mansfield University.

Bridges shares this excitement as well. "It will emphasize the importance of selecting the right classes, encourage students to graduate within a four-year period, and make coordination between student and advisor stronger and more essential than it had been."

Currently the FIT program is a pilot program meaning it is subject to change in the future if needed.

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"Laziness and the willingness to only doing the bare minimum," Boothe said, is a reason that students don't embrace other's differences.

"I believe ignorance is a big part of divisions. People are afraid or uneducated and don't want to leave their comfort zones," said May-Johnson.

Despite these obstacles, the March and the Police Brutality are the first steps to making Mansfield a more understanding and unique community.

We hope to do this event again – maybe next spring. I want to see it be taken to the community. After all Mansfield, as small as it is, is the perfect place to foster community, May-Johnson said. To all those who attended the March and the discussion, the first steps toward unity and understanding have been made.

For more information on Phi Beta Sigma, you can visit their webpage at <http://www.mansfield.edu/greek/mansfield-chapters/phi-beta-sigma.cfm>.

High Ropes course hung at Mansfield University

By **ROBERT CONRAD**
Staff Writer

One of campus' best keep secrets is now open as long as student are willing to brave the weather. Hidden up on hill, behind the trees, the high ropes course joins the team building course as an exercise challenge and group bonding experience.

Several clubs, a residence hall, and athletic teams have already accepted the call. The original course was funded and built in the fall of 2012.

Professor Russell Dodson was instrumental in bringing the course to the school. Later SGA played a critical role in funding the new high ropes course which opened at the beginning of the school year. Both courses were built, after going through a bidding process, by Universal Ropes, a Pennsylvania challenge course designer.

Meant for groups and clubs, the course takes about two hours to complete depending on the size of the group and the amount of

challenges attempted. A typical group is one of about ten to fifteen people.

One or both courses can be attempted at the same scheduled appointment. With names like Jacob's Ladder and Wild Woozy for stages of the high ropes course, there is sure to be a test of balance, stamina, and courage. Several catwalks and a leap of faith are sure to challenge the most adventurous.

Not to worry, belayers are there to catch any mistakes. The original team building challenge course has stages named islands, whale watch, trust fall, and an up and over climb. There are no reports of any whale sightings that I can find record of. I might need to dig further back in time. Appointments may be secured through emailing the director of the Kelchner Fitness Center, Amy DeLozier, at adelozier@mansfield.edu.

The course is staffed by KFC school employees and students who have taken the one credit course offered in team building or have been certified by the course designers. Most important, did I mention the price? It is free.

SGA approves Flashlight funding

By **DEAN LEE**
Production Manager

Student Government Association (SGA) did not go over policy changes on November 20, due to technical difficulties. The difficulties were caused by the email server that they use. The policy meeting will be on November 27 at 6:00 p.m.

"The Light Up Mansfield Again (LUMA) event was a huge success," Brett Helmus, Student Government Association President, said.

The mural project is further underway. There were some slight changes to the mural. For instance there was a change to de-emphasize Mansfield University, being that "if you are looking at the mural you are aware that you are standing in Mansfield University," said Helmus, "also to focus more on Mansfield University academics, and not just the campus."

SGA allocated \$1,800 to the Mansfield University Military and Veterans Organization, and \$4,000 to host a Foam Party to be held on November 21.

SGA tabled the motion to allocate \$2,000 to Sodexo for food for LUMA, but it was never brought back up the next meeting and consequently was never voted on. The congress decided not to pass the motion, as "Steve never asked me/

SGA about the funding," said Joe Turner, Student Government Association Treasurer. They stated that they should start a precedent for not paying for past expenses when these expenses are only brought to their attention after they are made.

SGA also passed the allocation of \$14,000 for the Belize trip, after they came down from \$21,000 and a previous denial in COF.

The wireless project is almost complete, there was discussion of putting in mini-labs in the resident halls, and also the Internet has been upgraded to 1 gigabyte, said Tara Weirner, Student Government Association Director of Technology.

The Student Government Association approved the motion that Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Dr. Bridges suggested.

The motion was to approve the allocation of \$4,000 to Mansfield University's newspaper, The Flashlight. Weirner, amended the motion to add two stipulations. The first one would only allow the funds to be used to pay for future issues of the paper, and the second being that the money spent on print costs per issue will stay at \$395.00 per issue. Helmus concluded the meeting by saying, "welcome to your first drag out SGA meeting." "Read The Flashlight," Turner added.

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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

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Editorial: Our "war" with SGA

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
Editor-in-Chief

As many of you know, we had issues with acquiring a modest budget for this academic school year. You may even be privy enough to have been witness to our "incendiary" post on our Facebook page concerning SGA executives' salaries and the budgets of SGA recognized clubs and organizations. You may have even posted on that page, on Yic Yak, or could have used it as "water-cooler" fodder.

I am here to say the struggle for our funding for this academic year is over - we have received \$4,000 to print the rest of our issues (still printed biweekly) for the rest of the academic school year. You'd think that's it - you'd think *The Flashlight* would just shut up and take their money and be grateful. You're wrong.

I would now like to present to you the good, the bad and the ugly of SGA.

I was thoroughly impressed with both last weeks SGA meeting, which saw a 30-45 minute discussion of whether we should be funded, and this weeks SGA meeting where senators and representatives actively ques-

tioned how SGA spends its money on other projects and groups on campus.

The perceived lull in student interest has rebounded at those meetings. Instead of the e-board carrying the weight of the entire SGA, we see senators and representatives taking them to task and making sure not a single dime is squandered in this poor financial situation. Kudos to all of you.

I'd also like to personally thank these senators and representatives for properly scrutinizing, attacking, and ultimately defending our newspaper. I thank all those who provided kind words of encouragement. I also thank those who offered constructive critiques like "diversifying our stories."

I'd also like to thank Dr. Bridges, who brought this issue we were having to the forefront at this meeting, and Dr. Todd Ranney who pushed to see this be resolved by SGA directly instead of funneling it through COF a third time.

Another good thing that has come from our struggle for a budget is a more defined criteria list that COF is now implementing. Before when our first allocation request was denied, we sat with Joe Turner, SGA

treasurer and the head of COF, and Andee Dunham, co-advisor to COF, about the lack of solid criteria used when determining approvals and denials of funds. From that meeting, COF has started the process of devising a list of criteria that will be used to determine funding of a group, project, or the like.

We also have a discussion going on about how media organizations should be funded through the MOU - and have been encouraged to follow up on this and set this in motion with the help of the other media organizations, their advisors and members of SGA.

Now for the bad.

Dr. Bridges had to specifically make a request for a member of SGA to motion for *The Flashlight's* budget. When it was in debate, a few members attempted to delay the conversation for the sake of "information". If they had read any of our previous articles, attended the official meeting (and were around for some impromptu ones), and carefully listened to our presentation at COF, they would have all the information they needed to make an informed decision. However, no matter how hard we tried to

Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

relay this essential information the "goal posts were moved" as Jimmy Guignard pointed out in an email.

A process that should be fair was changed by key SGA members. They were afforded some "wiggle-room" to deem something with the lofty term a "wise expenditure" based on a flimsy or nonexistent criteria.

Also, word to the wise, it is best not to tell an organization that is strictly protected by the First Amendment how they should run. It just ends poorly, cause it's so hard to shut them up!

And now for the ugly. Brace yourselves.

I have numerous student come up to me and complain how "evil" SGA is and how they are mismanaging student activities fees and the like. I always respond with - if you don't like how they do something, get your organization together and come to a meeting! But week after week the same 3 or 4 students sit in the public audience of the SGA meetings (2

of them Dean Lee and myself, both *Flashlight* staff).

The ugly truth is that SGA is only as involved as you allow them to be. I don't doubt there have been a few mistakes on their part, but if it's something to get worked up over, then do something. Anything.

However, there is also another bit of ugliness to address. A member of SGA approached Dean and me after last Tuesday's meeting and asked we write a kosher article stating that we have our funding thanks to the omnipotent SGA. We won't be chanting war is over anytime soon. In reality, there was never a war. But as public representatives of students, privacy rights are near to none. What we published is just information - readers made of it what they wanted. SGA, we are the fourth estate, if you do right by students, it gets printed, if you mess up, it will get printed. If you try to limit what other can say, it will be exclaimed.

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Text Techie: Building a webpage

I would like to design a web page. Where should I start? First, off there are many websites that will help you design your own web page, but if you are ambitious, you can design your own from scratch or using a template.

The most common group of programming languages that are used for creating a website are HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. You can just use HTML, but it won't look very good without a lot of effort and it will just have the basic functionality. (Think of websites ten years ago) HTML provides the basic structure or markup using tags or elements like <body> <p> or <div>. Think of it as the webpage's skeleton.

CSS is a language for styling the web page. It allows for quick substitutions of colors and styling. Going with the previous analogy, think of it as the skin. The muscles or power behind this body/website is JavaScript. It is for providing

interactivity and is now one of the most popular programming languages in the world.

A great place to start learning is w3schools.com. It provides tutorials and an extensive list of definitions and examples.

What is the best way to protect my computer? There are few basics that every computer user should check. These are not in any order: a backup plan, anti-virus software, anti-malware software, physical security, software security (especially for laptops), and some common sense. It's important to have anti-virus software running with updated definitions to protect the computer from viruses. Along with viruses, malware is harmful software designed to be either hostile or obtrusive.

One should only have one anti-virus software running (they don't play well together), but one can have multiple anti-malware programs running at the same

time. Most people don't think about backing up their data until it is too late.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure; or many hours trying to restore, in vain, irreplaceable files. Laptops are outpacing desktops in sales these days.

Being mobile can be a blessing and a curse. It only takes a few moments to lose everything to a thief. Physical locks that look like a bike lock are easy to install.

Also, software, like LoJack for Laptops, can track a computer as long as it is connected to Wi-Fi, IP geolocation, or GPS allowing a person a chance to recover their stolen goods. Lastly, common sense will take you far.

If an email or link seems too good to be true, it probably is. Additionally, the chances of bad software trying to install itself on your computer go up the sketchier the website is.

Mental Health Fair by Mansfield Counseling Services

By KAREN CRISP
Flashlight Contributor

You may have noticed mental health being mentioned frequently in the news lately. A mental health crisis has been blamed for incidence of mass murder. After all it's only logical to assume that someone who open fires on innocent people must be crazy. We further reason that society would become significantly safer if mental health services could closely track these people and ensure that they are taking the proper medications. If only it worked that way. The vast majority of people with mental illness are not dangerous.

They are much more likely to be a victim of violence than to be violent themselves. People with mental illness are much more in need of support and compassion rather than suspicion and blame.

Everyone knows someone who is dealing with mental health issues. While only about one percent of the population is affected by the most serious mental illness (schizophrenia), one in four adults will experience some

type of mental health disorder in a given year. That's approximately 57.7 million adults with a diagnosable condition each year.

The rates are even higher among adolescents. Among college students 30% reported feeling depressed to the point where it negatively impacted their ability to function. Approximately 7.5 % reported they had considered suicide in the past year. Only 25% of Americans with a mental illness felt that others are compassionate or understanding towards persons with mental illness. On the positive side studies show that 70 to 90% of individuals with mental illness saw improvement in their symptoms and quality of life after participating in some form of treatment.

Mental health has to become everyone's concern if we want a better environment and a society that cares for those in need. A "leave it to the experts" attitude doesn't work when there will never be enough experts to attend to all those with mental health problems. More significantly a network of support is as important, if not more important, than professional treatment.

We can all take proactive steps to help others with mental health issues, promote our own mental health wellbeing, and prevent new mental health problems. A focus on mental health wellness emphasizes resilience, the ability to adapt well to stress, adversity, trauma or tragedy. Resilience will not necessarily make problems go away but it may give one the ability to see past them, find some enjoyment in life and handle future stressors more effectively.

Although some individuals are more resilient than others, resilience can be learned and developed with a little effort.

Mental Health Wellness includes:

- Stress management techniques (i.e. yoga, breathing exercises, and progressive muscle relaxation)
- Mindfulness (i.e. "living in the moment")
- Lifestyle behaviors (i.e. physical activity, expressive arts, having a support network)

Setting realistic goals evaluating different lifestyle choices and techniques that help both body and mind and improve mental wellness

In support of these ideas the Mansfield University Mental Health Wellness Fair will be held on Wednesday November 11th from 10:00-2:00 in 307 Alumni Hall. The Fair features more than 25 exhibitors with active demonstrations of ways to improve your mental health. You can learn numerous ways to manage stress, improve your mood, and increase happiness in your life. Students and employees are invited to try out music and art activities, get a free massage, play with the cats and dogs from the Animal Sanctuary, and practice mediation and relaxation skills. You can also take home some fun giveaways thanks to the sponsorship of PSECU. This is a feel good experience that can last a lifetime and benefits everyone.

For more information contact the Mansfield University Counseling Center.

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Origins of ISIS showcased at Mansfield University's The Hut

By MATT JENNINGS
Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 15 at The Hut, there was a talk on the origins of ISIS and background information about it and other radical Islamic organizations. The talk was held by Dr. Gaskiewicz of the History Department and Dr. Bosworth of the Political Science Department.

The talk started with Gaskiewicz explaining that radical groups that are the predecessors to today's ISIS and ISIL began in the days after the end of World War I. The Middle East and much of Africa were still under colonial control of European powers, namely England, France, and Italy.

After "The Great War" many of these countries set up governments that were loyal to the previous occupiers and left. This left a

power vacuum in many of the countries. Another factor that led to disunity and power struggles was the abolition of the caliphate.

A caliphate is a form of Islamic government led by a person who is considered the political and religious successor to the prophet Muhammad. After WWI, the Ottoman Empire went through a political transition where it reorganized itself as the Republic of Turkey and abolished the formerly leading caliphate. With no official leader, discourse spread throughout the Muslim world.

These events led to the rise of Wahhabism, an ultra-conservative branch of Sunni Islam similar to members of the Westboro Baptist Church and their ultra-conservative Christian views. The idea of Wahhabism began in the 1950s and stresses strict adherence to the Quran and a rejection of outside influences. Many terrorist organizations such

as the Taliban and ISIS follow the ideals of Wahhabism but take them to the extreme and use violence to spread their beliefs.

After decades of various terrorist groups attempting to depose local secular governments in order to establish their own version of a new caliphate, ISIS, which for all intents and purposes was founded in 2013, is taking a different route than its predecessors. The Islamic State faction is known for gaining much of its funding through extortion and kidnapping and occasionally takes actions so drastic even similar groups such as the Taliban denounce it. Almost in a paradox to their methods in gaining control is what they do with the power they gain.

As Dr. Bosworth explained, whereas most terrorist organizations only look to disrupt and cause chaos, ISIS is essentially trying to form its own independent nation. Once the

Islamic State takes a territory they will devote a small portion of their resources to rebuilding schools, roads, and infrastructure.

Essentially, they attempt to build while most other organizations only attempt to tear things down. The professors also mentioned the ability of ISIS to recruit people over the internet to join their cause, typically targeting social outcasts who want to feel as though they are a part of something important.

After the presentation there was a Q&A session where students could ask the professors questions about ISIS and how it affects the world today. A follow up talk about diplomatic and military solutions to the growing threat of ISIS will be held in The Hut on October 29 at 5p.m.

Short-term study abroad trip to Belize for employees

By DEBBIE JENNINGS

Staff Writer

College is all about the experience. For some of us, this means working up the courage to move out of home to a place where we don't know anyone and aren't sure what to expect. However, no matter how nervous we are, most of us find ourselves well-adjusted and happy with our experience by the end of freshman year. College is the place where you have so many opportunities that it is almost inevitable you will overlook some of them—who doesn't? Some of the most exciting opportunities offered by Mansfield University are ones that take you where you never thought you could go. There is no better opportunity for students to explore the world and step outside their comfort zone than studying abroad. The university offers many study abroad experiences. Some of these allow students to take the entire semester abroad. However, there are options for students who may not want to commit to an entire semester abroad as well.

Short-term study abroad trips are available to students. This summer of 2016, students will have the opportunity to take a trip to the Central American country Belize. This trip is expected to go from May 30 through June 13, with an online component one week prior to the trip and two weeks after. The trip is in correspondence with 6 credits for PSC-3385 Field Research Abroad. Belize is a developing nation with a very diverse culture. Mennonites, Mayan descendants, and a grow-

ing number of North Americans are current inhabitants. It is located south of Mexico and is home to the second longest barrier reef in the world. The trip to Belize is being hosted by Dr. Jonathan Rothermel and Dr. Jeffrey Bosworth. The pair traveled to Belize for the first time 3 years ago to investigate the short-term study abroad opportunity for students. They have now taken students to Belize twice, with a successful turn-out each time. During their stay in Belize, students were able to visit many attractions including the National Assembly. This country's vast ecosystem, culture, and developing economy has something educational to offer for students of all majors. The primary language of Belize is English, making it more accessible to tourists from the United States. When asked about the benefit to students, Dr. Rothermel said, "We believe that short-term study abroad programs are a good way to nudge students to travel internationally, which in some cases may lead them to consider an entire semester abroad. Furthermore, if we are truly developing tomorrow's leaders, then providing opportunities for a global perspective is imperative for our students and will benefit them beyond Mansfield."

Study abroad programs are not only meant for career development, but for personal development as well. According to research done by the International Education of Students Abroad organization, 82% of alumni surveyed said that they developed a more sophisticated way of looking at the world due to studying abroad. Thanks to help from SGA,

this trip is now being offered at an incredible affordable rate. SGA has agreed to provide a 40% subsidy to the cost the trip, reducing it to \$1,500 per student, not including the rate for credits. Dr. Rothermel commented, "We are very grateful to SGA for coming through with a subsidy that will make the student trip a reality for many of our students. It is important that SGA supports international travel, especially given our location and the student body we serve who often have never traveled and are on limited budgets." Also, the provost has agreed to grant a \$500 scholarship towards the price of taking the 6 credits related to the trip.

Students aren't the only ones being given the opportunity to explore. Dr. Rothermel and Dr. Bosworth have announced that they plan to host a preceding trip to Belize open to all University employees during spring break. The purpose of this is to provide opportunities for networking and professional development. The University employee Belize trip is expected to include a variety of educational experiences for employees. Some of these include anthropologist and political guest speakers, a service learning project through Belize's Center for Employment Training, and a visit to the National Assembly. Additionally, it is anticipated that MU employees will get to explore and network with the University of Belize. This university offers a variety of programs including Sustainable Agriculture, Pharmacy, and Public Sector Management. This opportunity could create stronger insti-

tutional connections between MU and the University of Belize, expanding the possibilities for students. Employees are encouraged to act fast if they would like to attend this. Spots are limited - about 10 employees have expressed interest in attending the trip so far. Currently, the cost to employees to attend is about \$1,950 for the week stay in Belize. Dr. Rothermel and Dr. Bosworth have reduced costs by planning the transportation and lodging without going through a third-party travel agency.

A broadened perspective of multiculturalism can distinguish students and employees from their peers. The experiences gained here simply could never compare to the experience of studying abroad. Students interested in attending the short-term study abroad trip must submit a \$500 deposit to secure their place. There is availability for 15 students and spots are given on a first-come first-serve basis. Employees are also strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Students who are able to speak with employees who have gone to Belize may be more likely to consider study abroad programs. Informational meetings were held for employees October 16 and for students October 21. Though high interest is anticipated, there is a chance that not enough people will commit. Keep checking *The Flashlight* for further updates on the status of these trips. Any interested persons should promptly contact Dr. Rothermel at jrotherm@mansfield.edu or Dr. Bosworth at jbosworth@mansfield.edu.

Movie Review: *Pure Crime: Goodfellas*

By KLINE KAUFER

Staff Writer

"As far back as I can remember I always wanted to be a gangster." Those were the words of Henry Hill as a young teenager before getting involved with the Luchese Crime Family, one of the Five Families of New York. *Goodfellas* is a 1990 crime film directed by Martin Scorsese. The film is based on the novel *Wiseguy*, written by Nicholas Pileggi. This screenplay went through 12 drafts before the film started principal photography.

Goodfellas follows the story of Henry Hill from the time he is a young teenager to the time he becomes an FBI informant and gets placed in the Witness Protection Program. Henry Hill becomes involved with the Luchese Crime Family by parking their Cadillac's, communicating between the men, and helping with stolen cigarette sales. After Hill goes to court for being arrested for selling cigarettes, Jimmy Conway tells him the

most important life lesson to a mob associate: "Never rat on your friends, and always keep your mouth shut."

The audience is soon introduced to Tommy DeVito, Henry Hill's accomplice in hijacking trucks. Tommy DeVito is played by Joe Pesci who is the most psychotic, funny and enjoyable criminal of all time. He waves guns around for fun in front of his fellow mobsters and even kills two men for making him angry. Of course, the most infamous scene of the film is when Tommy DeVito and Henry Hill are with their friends in a restaurant and after Henry simply tells Tommy he is funny, Tommy reacts with a simple question, "How am I funny?" This pursues into an uncomfortable interrogation between the men for what feels like a lifetime. Eventually, Hill realizes DeVito is playing a joke and the situation calms down.

Scorsese makes you route for the "bad guys" and when viewing this film, it feels like you are there with them committing crimes

or just sitting around and playing cards. After Jimmy Conway pulls off the Lufthansa Heist, Henry hears the police report over the radio and screams in happiness that he pulled it off. The audience cannot help but to smile. This film is an inside look at the mob's way of life and how luxurious it can be to be a criminal.

Although this film is known for its violent nature and its profane language, there are only five on-screen deaths. Many of the people who get killed in the film happen off-screen and the audience just sees where their bodies get placed. For example, Frankie Carbone's body is found in the back of a frozen meat truck.

Goodfellas is not only one of my personal favorites, but it is also rated as one of the greatest films of all time. It baffles me that this film had six Oscar nominations including Best Picture and only won for Best Supporting Actor, which Joe Pesci won. This film has a running time of 146 minutes, but the pacing is handled so well that it flies by.

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Banding saw-whet owls can be a real hoot

"Keep going until you reach Chateau Road, then follow it to the end of the lane," I said to Nick, my boyfriend/chauffeur. "This isn't the right road, but it looks right to me," he said. "Why don't you follow the damn directions instead of your crappy memory, dude?" I protested. "Let's just see where it goes. Don't worry, we won't be late," he said – even though the owl banding night we were trying to get to was to begin in five minutes.

On Sunday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m., a group with the Nature Conservancy met in a log cabin in Friedensburg, Pennsylvania to band saw-whet owls and collect data to analyze their migratory patterns. For a few years, this particular group has welcomed visitors to watch the process. This time Nick and I were the lucky onlookers!

"Um, looks like this isn't it," Nick grumbled as we pulled into some scary person's wooded driveway. A dog started barking at us. Perfect. "Told you so," I snickered, "We're late."

Finally, we came upon a humble cabin at the end of the dirt lane right at 7:32 p.m. Close enough. Before entering the building, we took a moment to look at the sky. I was elated to spot a few constellations and the Milky Way faintly, though the landscape of Schuylkill County is definitely unlike my beloved Potter and Tioga Counties. An electronic owl call was howling through the woods. "Looks like we're the only ones here," Nick noticed. "Psh, I'd rather it this way," I assured him. Being that the cabin door was heavy and had tight hinges, we managed to noisily make a bit of a

scene walking in. Classic.

The cabin consisted of one large room with a very tall ceiling, complete with three enormous wagon-wheel chandeliers, a twelve-foot-tall stone fireplace, and half a dozen rustic wooden tables. There was an older woman solemnly working on her MacBook, a young wide-eyed girl doing her algebra homework, and a slack-jawed, middle-aged man fiddling with his state-of-the-art cell phone. Nick and I stood there for a moment, wondering which overly immersed bander to introduce ourselves to.

Thankfully, a grey-haired man arose from the far corner of the room and walked over to us. He was a somewhat overpowering, towering figure dressed entirely in old denim, but had a big smile on his face and friendly eyes cloaked by silly, bushy brows. He greeted us with "Hello, my name's George! You must be Nick and Emily." He sat us down to show off gorgeous pictures from his many travels through state and national parks.

After an hour of George's slideshows and stories of almost-bear-attacks in Alaska, the four of them went to check the net - but returned owl-less. We waited another hour in almost total silence. On the next trip out to the net, they came back with a bird and darted to the table of equipment. We watched attentively as they drew her out of the small satchel. George used this bird to show Katie, the young intern, how to hold the owl correctly to take measurements. Katie was very apprehensive, but there was no denying her amazement. The energy in the room was thick, as we were all happy to see the beautiful bird.



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The equipment pictured above is used for most standard bird banding

The small owl weighed only half a pound or so. This weight determined that the bird was a female. She was calm and quiet, and did not try to bite or scratch. Her head just rolled around slowly, peacefully examining everything. While held by her feet in the "photographer's grip," she spread her wings and beat the air. Somehow, her tiny foot-wide wingspan was just as impressive as that of a mighty osprey. Later, even while held in the "bander's grip" with her wings pinned down and her belly facing upwards, the bird's diminutive presence demanded respect. Using a blacklight held over her feathers, they noticed that all shone bright fluorescent pink. This meant that all feathers were brand new, and that she was a young hatch-year owl. Then, George blew gently into her armpit to expose the skin. By doing this, her fat layer is more visible, and her overall health can be determined. "She's pleasantly plump," George explained. The banders continued with their work - determining eye color, beak and feather lengths, and banding her right leg. The last step was to take a picture with the number on her fancy new anklet set at the bottom of the shot. Finally, we took her outside to be released. After given a few minutes to regain her night vision, the tiny owl flew up and away without a sound.

We all waited inside for the next net check, which was yet again successful. As the banders walked in, I could see much more rustling in the satchel this time, and figured this particular owl wouldn't be nearly as calm as the last. As they took the bird from the bag, it snapped its beak and flapped its wings wildly. Amy, the older woman in the group, handled this bird.

Amy was obviously a seasoned bander, only chuckling as the bird fought her grip. This bird was another female. George again determined the bird's age with a blacklight. Some feathers were the same bright pink as we saw before, and others were a more dull purplish-blue color. This meant she was up to three years older than our first owl. When Amy blew into the armpit to see the bird's fat layer, we were astonished to see a long sting of skin stretched across her tiny body. This meant that our second bird was not only older, but much skinnier than the first owl.

Nick and I were glad when it was time to set the poor girl free. We again went out as a group to the woods. Amy, still holding the weathered bird, turned to me and happily said, "would you like to let her go?" I nodded vigorously. After it seemed she had her night vision back, Amy carefully placed the five-inch owl on my out-stretched sleeve. She looked all around, up, down, sideways, backwards – then her eyes found mine. Even in the dark, I could see the spirit in them. As she looked at me, she cocked her head in small darting movements, like little unheard thank-yous. This spitfire of a bird finally seemed calm, realizing that we were letting her go home. She looked out to the woods, squawked shortly, and flew away in a flash. All of us silently wished the old girl luck and retreated back into the warm cabin. By that time, Nick and I had been patiently waiting for four hours with high hopes of seeing saw-whets, however it felt like a mere thirty minutes or so. We helped the banders pack up, thanked them, exchanged information for the future, and all went our merry ways – grateful for a night very well spent.



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Saw-whet owls are one of the smallest owl breeds.

Elijah Morgan '12 named athletic facilities and aquatics director

Elijah Morgan '12 has been named the Athletic Facilities and Aquatics Director at Mansfield University.

Morgan graduated Cum Laude from Mansfield University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Special Education and is currently working on his Master of Education in Special Education at Mansfield.

A Mansfield native, Morgan was a four-year starter and two-year captain on the Mountaineer sprint football team as a linebacker and member of the special teams. He totaled 68 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries, two sacks and an interception returned 52 yards for a touchdown against Navy. Morgan was a three-time All-CSFL selection and three-time MU Presidential Scholar-Athlete selection.

He was awarded the John "Jay" Atkins Mountie Award at the 2012 Butsko Brunch. Morgan volunteered as an assistant coach with the Mountaineer sprint football team during the 2013 and 2014 seasons working with the linebackers and coordinating video.



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Elijah Morgan was very involved during his life at Mansfield University.

Field hockey honors five seniors for Senior Day

Mansfield University seniors Mallory Christman, Brianna Hathaway, Haley Stevens, Courtney Wilson and Avery Yoder will be honored during Senior Day ceremonies prior to the start of Saturday's home season finale with West Chester.

The Senior Day recognition ceremony was scheduled to start at 11:40 a.m. prior to the noon start of the game at Karl Van

Norman Field.

An improving Mansfield team has played some of its best field hockey of the season lately scoring two goals against No. 5 ranked Kutztown before dropping a 3-1 decision at Mercyhurst.

Junior goalie Laura Lawson tops the nation in saves per game averaging 11.92 per outing and ranks second in total saves with 143.

This season is Mansfield Centennial Celebration marking the 100th anniversary of field hockey at the university. West Chester is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation in NCAA Division II behind Millersville.

The Mountaineers close out the season with three straight road games at Seton Hill, IUP and Millersville respectively.



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Pictured above from left to right are Courtney Wilson, Mallory Christman, Brianna Hathaway, Haley Steven and Avery Yoder

Morgan served as a swim instructor/pool manager at the Mansfield Area Memorial Pool from 2004-2015 where he was responsible for supervising lifeguards, enforcing safety regulations and creating pool schedules.

Following his graduation from Mansfield University, Morgan served as a graduate assistant director of intramural programs at Kelchner Fitness Center on campus. He served as the interim director of Kelchner Fitness Center from 2014 to 2015.

Morgan also spent time as the sports director at the Tioga County Branch YMCA from 2011 to 2015 along with working as a paraprofessional/substitute teacher at Mansfield High School.

He holds Red Cross Certifications as a Water Safety Instructor, a Certified Lifeguard, Fundamentals of Instructor Training and CPR/First Aid.

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Mounties pick off school-record five passes

Mansfield picked off four passes, two of them by junior Kyle Post, in the first half to build a 13-10 lead, but Penn scored what proved to be the winning touchdown after a Mansfield fumble on its own 1-yard line in the fourth quarter to rally for a 16-13 win in a CSFL contest at historic Franklin Field Friday night.

The fumble was the Mountaineers only turnover of the night and came one play after Mansfield had stopped Penn on a fourth and goal from the 1-yard to seemly preserve its 13-10 lead.

Mansfield had one last shot late in the game when Ricky Robinson returned a punt to the Penn 43 but a sack and three incomplete passes turned the ball back over to Penn which ran the clock out.

Mansfield scored first when the Mountaineers got a 37-yard field goal from freshman Drew Beckerink.

Penn answered back on the next drive going 44 yards on seven plays with Henry Mason pulling in a 7-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Mike McCurdy and a 7-3 after the extra-point kick was good.

Mansfield closed the gap to 7-6 early in the second quarter when Beckerink hit his second field goal of the game, this one from 34-yard out.

Penn, behind the passing of CSFL leading quarterback Mike McCurdy had a first-and-goal from the nine yard line and it looked as if the Quakers would score again before Post picked off his first pass of the game, this one in the endzone and returned it 15 yards.

McCurdy was intercepted twice more before the half ended including a pick by Brandon Pace late in the second quarter that was returned 56 yards to inside the Penn 10-yard line. Two plays later, Joe Bucek caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Anthony O'Connell rolling to his right. Mansfield took a 13-7 lead after the extra-point was good.

Penn used the final minute to work in close enough for a field goal ending the first half with a 13-10 lead for Mansfield.

A scoreless third quarter lead to the dramatic sequence of events and the heart-breaking stop on the goal line and ensuring fumble.

Freshman Aren Harris carried the ball 28 times for 92 yards to lead the Mansfield offense. O'Connell completed his first eight passes ending the night 9-for-13 for 62 yards while Bucek had three catches for 27 yards and touchdown. Sean Green also had three catches for 16 yards.

The Mansfield defense picked off a school-record five passes in the game, two each by Post and Damarkus Jones. John Capwell had a game-high 11 tackles including 10 solo and forced a fumble. Ricky Robinson had six solo tackles and 116 yards in return yardage while Brandon Pace and Dylan Flexer were also credited with six stops.

McCurdy, who had thrown just four interception on the season coming into the game, completed 24-37 passes for 260 yards and a touchdown along with the five interceptions. Henry Mason had nine catches for 113 yards and a touchdown while Max Jones rushed for 81 yards.

Mansfield blocked two punts, including one of the opening series of the game leading to a Mountaineer field goal.



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Joe Bucek pictured above caught a 6 yard touchdown

Mountie offense in loss at LHU

Mansfield never was able to get its offense untracked while Lock Haven got two first half goals in a 3-0 win in PSAC women's soccer Tuesday afternoon.

Mansfield freshman Delaney Meadows got a shot on goal off just over two minutes into the game and Mansfield would add three more shots including one on goal by freshman Nicole Holborn but the Mountaineers couldn't find the back of the net.

Lock Haven's Haley Predix scored the game's first goal slipping a ball past Mansfield freshman goalie Rachel Fox past the far post in the 23rd minute.

Lock Haven would score again, this one with less than five minute remaining in the first half on a goal by Kara Waskiewicz off assists by Haylee Kubat and Alexa Ream off a corner. Mansfield had second half shots on goal from senior Karyn Anselmo and Nikki Ortiz but failed to score.

Gabby Kisbaugh scored the game's final goal with two minutes to play. Fox had five saves in goal for Mansfield while Katie Gable stopped four shots to earn the shutout.

Mansfield host Mercyhurst last Saturday.



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Lipski and Hathaway score

Katie Lipski and Brianna Hathaway each scored goals for Mansfield, but it wouldn't be enough as No. 5 Kutztown came away with a 7-2 win Saturday afternoon in a regionally televised game in front of a large crowd at Karl Van Norman Field.

Saturday marked the Centennial Celebration with dozens of former field hockey student-athletes coming back to celebrate 100 years of history. Field hockey at Mansfield dates back to 1915 when Irene Aubrey, a student of Mansfield State Normal School, brought the sport to campus from Wales.

The match-up was made even more special as a pair of Mountaineer field hockey alumni faced-off against each other as head coaches in Mansfield's Brittany Kostishion Hansrote '09 and Kutztown's Marci Lippert Scheuing '05.

Kutztown opened the scoring in the eighth minute with an Anna Behm goal and added another two minutes later on Madison Wampler's score. Behm scored her second of the game just before halftime to put the Golden Bears ahead 3-0.

Early into the second half, Madison Stewart beat the keeper from 10 yards out to extend Kutztown's lead.

Lipski used a perfectly placed penalty stroke in the 45th minute to put Mansfield on the board. The goal was the second of the season for Lipski.

The Golden Bears added three more

goals in the second half before Hathaway notched the Mountaineers second score of the game on a breakaway in the 67th minute. The goal was Hathaway's second score of the year as well.

Haley Stevens recorded a defensive save for Mansfield.

Mansfield travels to Mercyhurst on Tuesday before hosting West Chester next Saturday for Senior Day.



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Pictured above is Sophomore Katie Lipski who scored a goal for Mansfield

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Choplosky Named Assistant Director of Athletics

Chaelim Choplosky has been named the assistant director of athletics for Mansfield University in an announcement made today by director of athletics Deb Solfaro.

"As a department, we couldn't be more excited to welcome Chaelim to our team. I look forward to tapping into the multitude of skills Chaelim offers" said Solfaro. "Under his leadership, we will build a strong NCAA compliance program and implement innovative initiatives to enhance Mansfield University Athletics."

The Blossburg, Pa. native joins the Mountaineer staff from Lock Haven University where he worked as a camps director in LHU Foundation from April 2014 to June 2015 before being promoted to director of athletic development operations and camps. In that role, Choplosky oversaw athletic alumni events and helped create sport specific



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOMOUNTIES.COM
MU welcomes Blossburg native Chaelim Choplosky, pictured above, who is a Lock Haven University alumnus.

fundraising events. Choplosky assisted in the LHU Foundation's All In day of giving that recently raised \$216,149 in a 24 hour period.

As camps director, Choplosky oversaw all of Lock Haven's Division I and II athletic camps and helped increase revenue 22% from the previous year.

Choplosky earned his Bachelor of Science in Sport Administration from Lock Haven in 2012 before receiving his Masters in Sports Science from LHU in 2014.

While working on his Masters, Choplosky served as a graduate assistant in the Lock Haven athletic department where he supported all aspects of the Bald Eagles Division I and II programs. As an undergrad, Choplosky was a student assistant coach with the men's basketball team and worked in the sports information department.

Choplosky started his new position on October 19.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	- 1:00 p.m. Sprint Football vs Post University - 1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer at Shippensburg University		- 4:00 p.m. Field Hockey at Indiana University of Pennsylvania	- 4:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Millersville University		
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	- Noon Sprint Football at Franklin Pierce University					

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Infected UAVs wreaking havoc campus-wide

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LEGION OF DOOM

Wes Glowitz and others are frozen with fear as an infected UAV tries to maul them.

By **MATT "In The HAT" JEG-GINGS**
Keeper of the geo-sodas

Once serving only the purpose of photography, something sinister has happened to the Geoscience department UAV's, or drones. Geography/Outing Club President Wes Glowitz shared the details

with Flashlight reporters, "It seems when we extracted the photos off the drone memory cards, they were infected with some form of super-virus." Glowitz went on to explain that the virus first simply made the drone flights erratic, but quickly uploaded an independence matrix into the infected drones causing them to defy his controls and attack

him. The largest drone became omniscient and somehow infected the other drones in the department. Soon, they were all flying on their own. The virus also seems to allow the drones to self-charge their own batteries. Thus, the drones could continue to fly and operate independently for years with no need to land and recharge.

NSA analysts arrived on the scene within minutes explaining that the virus was a real-world simulation of the Skynet programming in the Terminator movies. While the NSA and many local shotgun enthusiasts brought down a dozen drones they continued to multiply, building new versions of themselves in the also-infected Geoscience Department 3-D printer.

The drones made their intent clear by hovering in formation over Belknap Hall to spell out "DEATH TO HUMANS". Within days the Skynet drones had grafted paintball guns onto themselves and started harassing students at Mansfield University while assimilating many Amazon delivery drones into their growing ranks.

Today there are over 4 dozen Skynet drones currently perched in the attic of North Hall. The FAA states the sky around Mansfield has been designated a "no fly zone" to prevent further infection of drones. A counterattack led by fearless students destroyed the 3-D printer so the drones can't continue to self-multiply.

Right now the drones continue to work toward the destruction of man, but the Skynet simulation virus was (thankfully) merely drone and 3-D printer specific, thus they can't infect any other form of technology. The drones spend their days patrolling the airspace around the town of Mansfield shooting paintballs at pedestrians and saying hurtful things on YouTube video comment sections while trolling the internet for the secret to our demise.


Students are discouraged from staying outside for longer than necessary to avoid drone attacks. Stay inside everyone. Stay inside, and pray the nightmare ends.

For more information, just ask our UAV overlords. Go Mounties!

See me after class Page NOW!


Weekly Weather

Friday

White stuff


High:30 Low:24

Saturday

Snowjob


High:2 Low:-36

Sunday

Just kidding


High:38 Low:25

Monday

No more please


High:30 Low:17

Tuesday

Flakey


High:34 Low:22

Wednesday

snow more

High:33 Low:21

Thursday

Ice mummy-level snow storm

High:28 Low:15

Information taken from globalwarmingisREAL.com

Info-To-Go Campus Bulletin Board

- Library holding bonnafide book bonfire. Bring your texts, your tomes, and tired technical manuals. Also s'mores will be complimentary of SGA. December 3 at 9p.m. in South Hall Mall - be there or be square.

- A Man Alone: a dramatic one-man performance of all Shakespearian classics! It's bold. It's edgy. it's just plain sad. November 19, whenever he wakes up, in the alley behind the library.

- Giving your computers a virus: how to take down the system. A must see informational session by Thichel Marp, evil counterpart of head of Campus Technologies. Think the campus computers couldn't get any worse - think again. Information session being held at the basement of

The Hut. Practice session sponcered by the Computer Science club. LAN party afterwards!

- The Flashlight will be holding a give away for the best worst story. Winner gets to be published and publicly shamed by all academics on campus. All can enroll!

- See your activities fees hard at work as SGA will be planting their newly aquired bean at the marching band field on November 21 at noon. "It was a hefty investment [all of our budget and emergency account money], but we hope the beanstock this tiny bean will produce will lead to a giant's fortune in the sky," said Joey Helmut-Lakes. If an agreement can be reached with the giant, they may also move their foam party to the clouds.

- Campus photographer Christopher Oliver-Nez with be hosting a Photography workshop November 14 at 4:00 p.m. Come learn the secrets of this Pokemon Snap pro as he shares his technique to shooting the best Pokemon pics - especially of the elusive, diabolical Gengar.

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900


- 10/26/15 - at 7:00 p.m. Police were called to Kelchner Fitness Center when a student began punching the inflatable Thanksgiving Turkey decoration in the lobby. The student seemed to be under the influence of an intense form of Creatine, and had been hallucinating. The student was taken to the campus clininc and given a full day's detox. No whey!

- 10/31/15 - Police were requested in the Oak Dormitory when an RA was found crying at the front desk. Residents grew concerned as the sobs

grew louder and louder. The RA had diligently made door decorations for every person on his floor, all of which were taken down and put in a pile outside of his own dorm door. The perpetrators also defecated on the pile, sending the RA into a fit of depression. He is in the currently in the care of campus counselors.

- 11/2/15 - Police were called to Lower Manser Hall when a very rude student did not get the bacon macaroni and cheese he had requested. The police officer tried to reason with the student, explaining how much better off he'd be getting food from Sheetz or even the Pump n' Pantry, but the student was persistent. He began to throw plasticy pizza everywhere, and even punched the cop in the throat. He is in custody and still wants the bacon mac and cheese.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

- New reality show to air on NBC: Trumping the Competition - The Campaign. The series is to follow dream boy Donald Trump and his ridiculous antics.

- Customer who denied initial offer of assistance from floor salesman comes crawling back: Mere minutes after rejecting a Home Depot employee's offer of assistance with a curt shake of his head, Garrett Hoffman, 44, reportedly came crawling back for help Monday. "Excuse me, I'm looking for foam sealant," said Hoffman, returning with his tail between his legs to the very same salesman he had just

moments earlier arrogantly brushed aside as he strode with unfounded confidence down the plumbing aisle.

- Archaeologists uncover ancient femur that could make a mouthwatering broth: hailing it as among the most intact and substantial Paleolithic-era finds ever unearthed, a team of archaeologists from University College Dublin announced Wednesday the discovery of an ancient human femur that could make a rich, mouthwatering broth. "Based on our preliminary analysis, this thighbone dates back some 65,000 years and appears to be ideal for preparing an enticing, flavorful soup stock that's hearty and delicious," aid Dr. Harold Brecht, adding that after slowly simmering the recently unearthed prehistoric bone with some sea salt, aromatic vegetables, and a bay leaf, one would have the beginnings of a tasty broth that was at once savory and delicate. What a marrow-ing tale!

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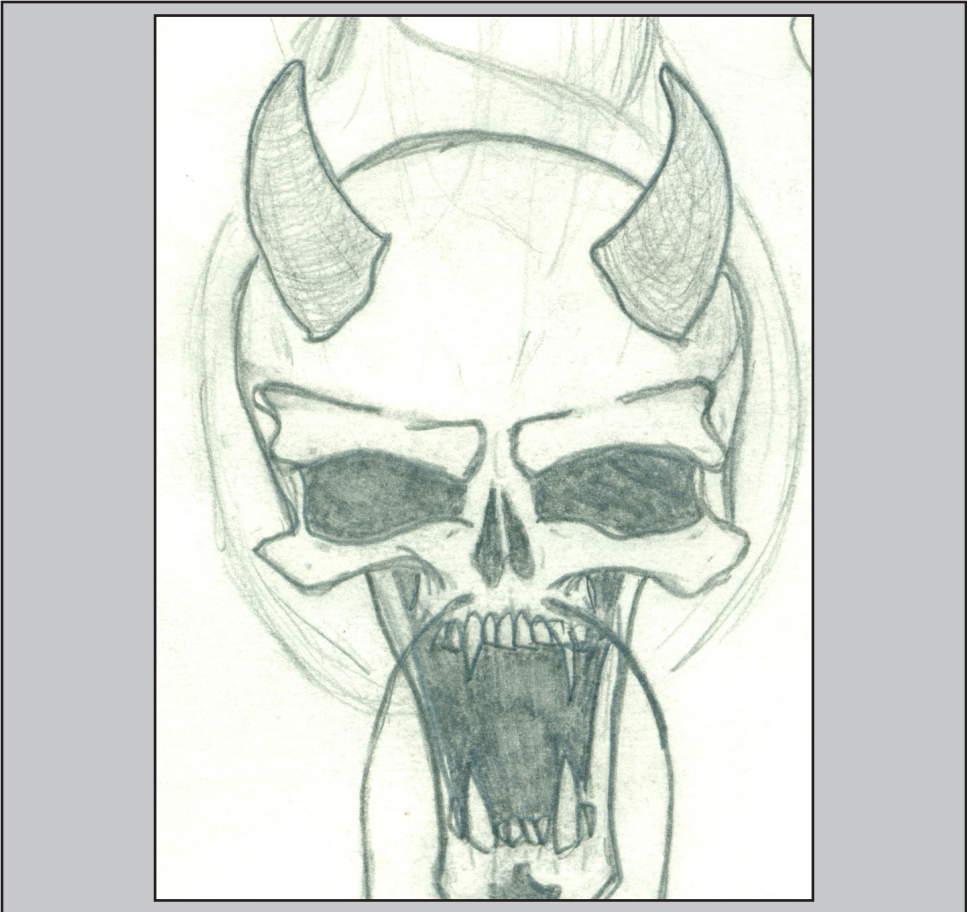
Nate “Ghost Rider” Rinnert terrorizes Mansfield

By EMILY SLOSHED
Supernatural Expert

On Saturday, October 31, 2015, sightings in Mansfield of what many call “The Ghost Rider” were reported. One witness described the booming sound of a tuba playing sections of *Mars, the Bringer of War* from The Planets by Gustav Holst. Followed by this thundering music came the quaking of an engine and tires squealing in the street.

The witness looked outside to find a trail of tall flames and scorched pavement. In the distance rang malicious laughter and the crack of a whip. Halloween in Mansfield was a disaster, as terrified trick-or-treaters lost all of their hard-earned chocolate to the heat of the hellfire.

A group of other witnesses all claim to have seen the pyromaniac, and informed police he was male, rode a black Harley Davidson motorcycle, wore a matching leather jacket and boots, and was definitely over six feet tall. They also mentioned that the man’s head turned to a flaming skull upon mounting the Harley. The group saw him speed down Academy Street, disregarding all stop signs and traffic. He carried a long whip, which he used like the horn of a car – goading



An artist’s rendition of the Ghost Rider. Drawn by MU student Gerry Cheesnberger, another witness to Rinnert’s wrath.

on slower drivers who were holding him up. Behind him sprung hissing fire off of the road.

Many other onlookers witnessed the same sight this past puzzling Halloween in Mansfield. “The Ghost Rider” is thought to be Professor Nathan Rinnert, tuba instructor, Music Department Chair, and Assistant Director of Bands at Mansfield University. The truth came out when his tormented tuba students could not keep his dark secret any longer.

Rinnert fits the description perfectly – very tall, rides a motorcycle, wears leather, and plays the tuba. His use for a bullwhip is still under investigation. Rinnert was questioned the following Monday in at the Doane Center police station, which moments later burst into flames. In putting out the fiery wreck, police lost track of Rinnert.

The only surviving account of that day is the sound of screeching tires, wicked cackling, and a line of fire leading down Clinton Street. Students exiting Kelchner Fitness Center were burned to a crisp, and especially sweaty gym rats suffered intense blisters after being boiled alive. Rinnert’s whereabouts are still unknown. He is wanted for murder, traffic violations, arson, and disturbing the peace, and for playing one mean horn.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6 7:00 PM Women’s Basketball at Columbia University (Exhibition)	7 4:00 PM - Men’s Basket- ball at St. Bonaventure University (Exhibition)	8	9 - 4:00 PM Field Hockey at Indiana University of Pennsylvania	10 - 4:00 PM Women’s Soccer vs Millersville University	11	12
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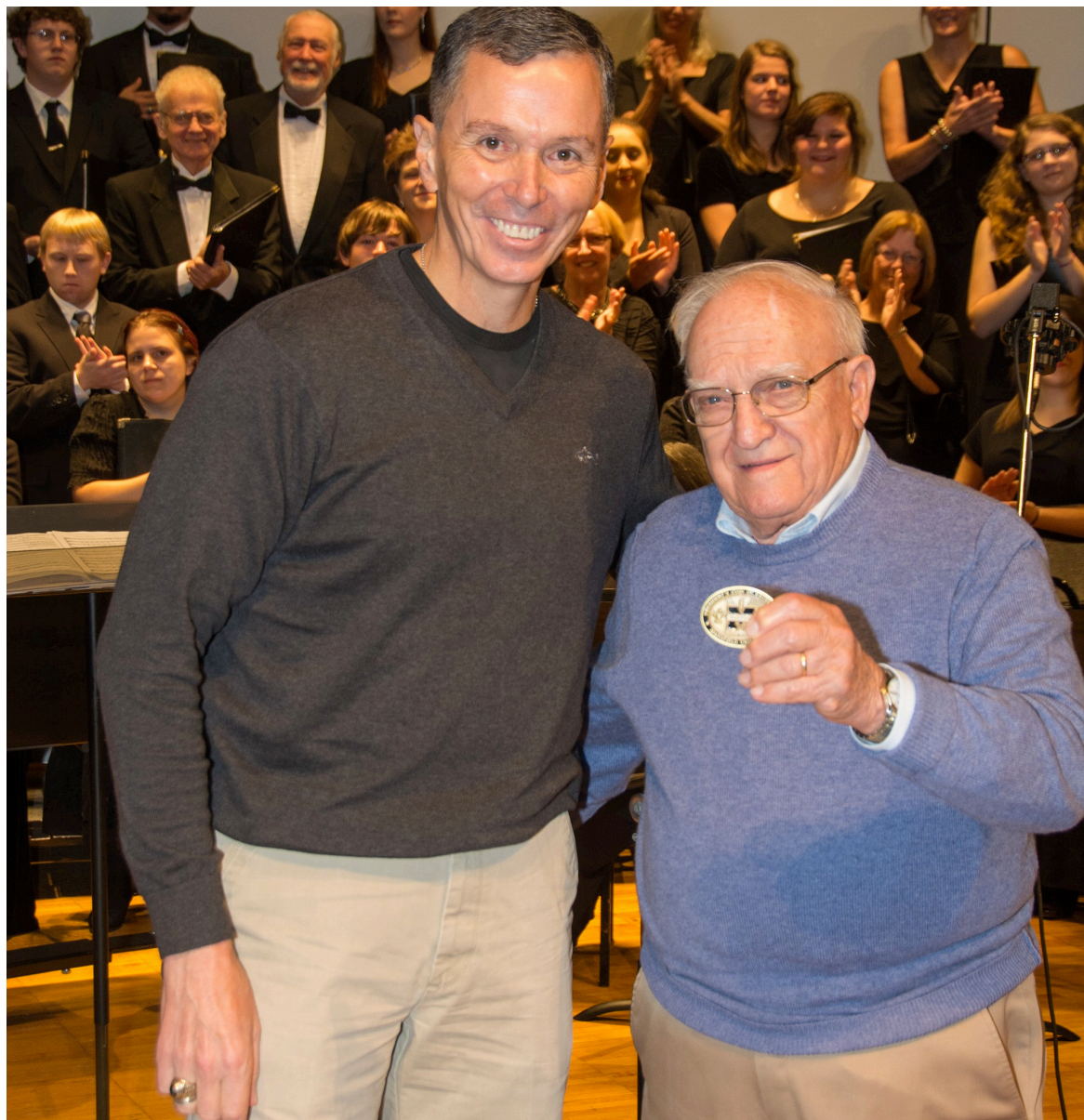


PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY DAY

The presidential coin has only been awarded to a select few - making Howard part of an elite group.

Longtime Trustee Howard Smith was awarded the Mansfield University Presidential Coin for Excellence by President Fran Hendricks on October 25.

Smith of West Burlington, PA served on the

Mansfield Council of Trustees for 30 years before retiring from the board in 2013.

He and his wife Olynda (Chaffee), a 1957 Mansfield graduate, are both longtime supporters of MU, with a particular

interest in the music program, having made six trips to Europe with various ensembles.

They created the Howard and Olynda Chaffee ('57) Smith Endowed Music Fund, which is used to help with trav-

el costs of choral groups, and provide scholarship assistance to vocal students.

The presentation was made at the annual Choral Collage held at Steadman Theatre.

"It's very appropriate that we honored Howard at a music event, given his and Olynda's long stranding support of this program," MU President Fran Hendricks said. "It was a nice added touch that we made the presentation on their 57th wedding anniversary."

"Howard's service to Mansfield as a trustee and supporter, his service to his community and region, as well as his service to our country in the U.S. Army Reserve, all led to this most deserving selection."

The coin was developed by Hendricks and designed by MU Publications Director Andy Worthington. It is awarded selectively to persons who have contributed greatly to the university, using the Mansfield Creed; Character, Scholarship, Culture and Service as a guideline.

The coin bears several symbols representing historical highlights and other aspects of the university that make it distinctive.

For more information on the Mansfield University Presidential Coin for Excellence and to see the gallery of honorees, go to president.mansfield.edu/coin-for-excellence

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Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

- Accepting BELIZE Applications: Drs. Bosworth and Rothermel will begin accepting applications for their short-term, study abroad summer trip to Belize beginning on Monday, November 9th. There are limited spots on the trip (14 students) and slots will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis (pending acceptance of a completed application). The trip has been generously subsidized by SGA (40% subsidy). For the trip, students must register for six summer credits (PSC 3385 Field Research Abroad). The trip to Belize is from Monday, May 30th to Monday, June 13th. For more information about the trip or to receive an application packet, contact Dr. Rothermel at jrotherm@mansfield.edu.
- On November 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. United States Marshal Martin Price will be visiting as part of the Criminal Justice Administration's Distinguished Lecture Series. Price will be sharing his experiences over the past 25 years in the Marshal Service All are welcome to attend. Any questions please contact Drs Battin or Cowl.
- Win Prizes by taking the Library's online survey! North Hall will be conducting quality assurance surveys November 2-20. A drawing will be held for those who participate. Five \$10 bookstore gift cards will be awarded and the grand prize is a PS4 console. Take the survey at lib.mansfield.edu/survey or on laptops stationed in the library.
- Cardboard City: a Sleep out to benefit the Tioga County Homeless Initiative. This event takes place November 13-14, registration starting at 5 PM. To register, contact Frank Crofchick (fcrofchick@mansfield.edu) and to donate cardboard, contact Courtney Hull (chull@mansfield.edu)
- Be a part of the MU Production of Shrek the Musical. Auditions are November 29 and 30 at 6:30 PM in Butler Music Center room 163. For

more information, contact Sheryl Monkeliem (smonkeli@mansfield.edu)

- A PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union) Cap & Gown Promotion will begin on Monday, March 16, 2015 and run until April 24, 2015. Informational posters are around campus and in the Mountie Den. PSECU members who are graduating in May 2015 can go to the PSECU Office and get a voucher to cover the cost, \$28.06, of a cap and gown (first come, first served until vouchers are gone). A valid Mansfield University ID, Driver's License or State ID and verification of your PSECU Account is required. This amount does not provide for the hood that goes with the cap & gown. Students will have to pay for the hood separately. Any graduating senior who is not a PSECU member is eligible to join PSECU during the promotion dates in order to take advantage of this offer. Membership in PSECU is free. Stop into the PSECU office located in Lower Manser Hall for further details.
- Bring a non-perishable food item to be placed in the collection boxes located in the Steadman Theatre Lobby and outside Butler Room 108, Music Department Office. Canned items, cereals, pasta, soups, sauces, etc., will be collected through the month of March and donated to the Mansfield Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Mansfield University Double Reed Society.
- Student bus trip tickets to Washington, D.C. for the Saturday, April 4, 2015 trip are now on sale at the Campus Bookstore (Mountie Den) daily Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The student ticket price for a round trip coach bus ride to Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 is only \$15 and that includes all handling fees. The bus will leave campus at 6:30 a.m. from in front of Laurel Hall and will leave the Lincoln Memorial area at 8:00 p.m. The bus will make one rest stop each way at a fast food restaurant. Presented by the Student Activities Office. Funded by Student Activity Fees.

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

No incidents have been reported as of October 7, 2015. *The Flashlight* will be looking into this sharp decrease in crime.

World News



Headlines from across the planet
Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com

- 5 Stabbed at UC Merced Campus: A male student at University of California, Merced, stabbed four people as classes began Wednesday morning before campus police fatally shot him, Two of those stabbed were transported for treatment via helicopter, the school said on Twitter, while the two others were treated on campus.
- Death of Illinois officer a staged suicide: Initially hailed as a hero after his death, Fox Lake, Illinois, police Lt. Joe Gliniewicz is now likely to be remembered by another label: a betrayer. What once appeared to be the killing of an officer in the line of duty turned

out to be “a carefully staged suicide,” George Filenko, Lake County Major Crimes Task Force commander, said Wednesday. The officer had been stealing and laundering money from a police department program that mentored young people hoping to become law enforcement officers, Filenko said.

- Chinese sub tracked US aircraft carrier: A submerged Chinese Kilo-class fast-attack submarine shadowed the USS Ronald Reagan for at least half a day October 24. There was no indication of threatening behavior, but American anti-submarine aircraft monitored the Chinese vessel. Chinese officials have not yet commented on the matter.
- Rare whale spotted: The Omura's whale was observed in the field for the first time, according to a new study. The whale was seen near Madagascar. The whales have not been observed much in the past, making new studies on the mammal great contributions to science.

Big changes happening at SGA meetings

By NICK HARTRANFT
Editor-in-Chief

Stephanie Hendricks, SGA's Public Relations Director, has stepped down from her post as director. She released a statement at the meeting stating that, "she is unable to perform duties due to class load." Hendricks went on to state that she has not and will not receive her stipend of \$2000 for her work this semester.

SGA is hoping to appoint a new public relations director in the very near future. When asked about the open position SGA treasurer, Joe Turner said "the newly appointed will not receive the normal stipends for this semester, but will be working voluntarily to progress the student organization. However, if still in position, they will receive the stipend for next semester."

Dr. Christopher Bridges, the SGA advisor, also brought up in the meeting that he will be leaving earlier than had been expected — around the middle of the November.

SGA has come up with a few possible candidates to fill the advisory gap. Some of the suggested advisors are Dr. Jonathan Rothmel, professor of Political Science and Dr. Adrian McAvoy, professor of Philosophy. SGA is reaching out to these candidates for their input sometime this week.

The committee on finance (CoF) is looking to change how they are allocating

budgets for the upcoming academic school year.

There are many factors that have played a role in the SGA's reevaluation of budgeting process. One major factor was the fairly substantial difference between this year's projection and actual budget. SGA and CoF anticipated a projected budget of \$1.8 million, but only have \$1.5 million.

Another factor is that the budgeting process for funding other student organizations is, in some respects, flawed.

CoF aims to bolster communication between their organization and the various on campus organizations they fund. "We hope to have in place by next academic school year a more solid criteria for organizations to follow during their budget tithing process," said treasurer Turner.

We will also be sending emails to organizations that were denied a budget based on these criteria and or if there paperwork is incomplete or incorrectly filled out, Turner added.

In their policy meeting held before their organizational meeting on October 27, SGA passed a new article in their Constitution, article II, section 2, D, stating that "any Greek organization, unaffiliated with the inter-fraternal counsel or the Panhellenic Council, will be allowed to hold a seat on the House of Representatives."



"This [new article] is essentially making us all inclusive," said SGA president Brett Helmus.

Some other changes to their policies are: adjusting the time for their meetings and allowing the administrative committee to change spelling and grammatical errors in the Constitution and bylaws without voting on these changes at the SGA meetings.

SGA has also created a new subcommittee deemed as the assessment committee. President Helmus explained that the committee would explore how successful SGA funded events were and would also be seeking input from the student body as to how successful these events are. Newly appointed senator, Sean Craig, has been appointed as the assessment committee leader.

If you would like more info on SGA, please stop by their office during office hours, their meetings on Tuesday at 6 PM and alumni Hall room 307, or by email at sga@mansfield.edu

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The summer the stars aligned: my internship

By **EMILY SHOSH**
Staff Writer

During the winter of last year, I began applying for internships like my life depended on it.

After two dismal summers working a retail job, I was determined to branch out and score a position related in any way to my major. Although I had been doing well in school, I was terrified by the thought of graduating without any of that ruthlessly sought-after “real world experience.”

Equipped with a fairly beefy resume, a 3.2ish GPA, some volunteer and field experience, and as much forced charisma as I could muster, I applied for half a dozen odd internships. I made calls, sent emails, and followed up in any way I could without being too bothersome.

My first choice had been a park ranger position with the Army Corps of Engineers. Despite attending their presentations, introducing myself, and using the appropriate “buzz-words” in my application and resume - it did not pan out.

My second choice was a field work-based internship with Trout Unlimited. I made sure to call the intern coordinator, bring up my involvement in school with Trout Unlimited, and mention my long-standing love for PA fish and watersheds. Again, I didn’t hear back from them. Not a thing.

By early April, things weren’t looking good. My last choice was an internship with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Yet again I made plans to attend an on-campus presentation regarding the position. “Third time’s a charm,” I told myself.

On the day of the presentation, I sat and listened intently with sweaty palms, clutching an envelope containing my resume and transcript. I desperately intended to be bold and present it all in person to the ranger, Tim. When most of the attendees cleared out, I introduced myself, thanked the ranger for his time, and handed over the slightly crumpled envelope.

About a week later, something incredible happened – I actually got an interview! An email came from the Region 1 office

Manager James, requesting that I call to “try and coordinate something.” I called as soon I could. The man on the line seemed very friendly, and gave me someone’s email. I emailed the other contact, Joe. He asked me to visit him at Hills Creek State Park, where he was manager! The wildest goose chase in my life finally was getting somewhere.

On the day of my visit I was sure to stay calm and collected, but all the while my excitement wanted to boil up out of me. Joe was very friendly, and seemed happy to meet me. Through a series of short and simple questions, I briefly rattled off to him what was on my carefully assembled resume. His last question was “so, what is your tee shirt size?” I replied with a bewildered “excuse me?” He laughed and explained that I’d be getting four free DCNR polos to wear on the job.

“Oh, great! Large, please” I said. I continued to sit with composure but wanted to scream and jump up and down and cry with joy. I could not believe that my interview morphed into an on-the-spot job offer, especially after pining and toiling so long over other positions. I spent the next month anxiously awaiting the beginning of what would possibly be the best summer I’ve had.

My first day was May 15, 2015. Joe gave me a tour of the parks in the complex – Hills Creek, Leonard Harrison, Denton Hill, Cherry Springs, and Lyman Run. We stopped for lunch at Lyman Run. The park office was ungodly busy that day – or at least that’s how I remember it. Upon walking into the bustling place I was scared out of my mind and unsure of myself. I stood around feeling like an idiot, staring aimlessly at photographs of perplexing stars and galaxies on the front wall.

Just when I was about to timidly meander towards the bathroom, I was surprised by an enthusiastic voice saying “aren’t they neat? They were taken by some astronomers at Cherry Springs. Are you the new intern?!” My name’s Greg.” He went on and on about the photos, stars, and constellations.

I gratefully listened, happy someone finally saved me from feeling so lost. “Will you be over to Cherry Springs for star gazing programs?” he asked. Being a complete ignora-



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This is astrophotography of M13 or The Andromeda Galaxy taken by park visitor Gary Parker.

mus to anything “space” related, I figured I wouldn’t be there too much.

Little did I know, “space” stuff would steadily become my favorite part of the internship. As the summer wore on, helping Greg during Night Sky Tours at Cherry Springs was constantly a wonderful part of the job. Listening to his seasoned spiel every weekend left the constellations and their stories ingrained in my head. I also got pretty good with using a telescope, and could find deep space objects in a split. The stars and night sky took on a whole new meaning to me. As Greg would say, “they are our connection with the past, and who we are as human beings.” I knew that line by heart.

Visitors who attended the night sky programs were always so grateful, and it all felt very rewarding to me. Eventually, I was asked by a few workers if I’d be running my own programs in the parks. Being a former education major, I was wary over that thought. However, I was determined to give it a try. I did quite a few programs for kids, all of which were a success with help and supplies from my pal Greg. I took groups on hikes, identified tracks, taught about plants and trees, and more.

What I came to realize by the end was

that I didn’t just “score an internship” at long last. My time with DCNR meant so much more than that. I learned so many great new things – all of which I will carry with me and share with others. I made a good friend in Greg, who taught me more than I ever could have imagined. I successfully taught kids and had a ton fun doing it, which is something I had previously thought I could never be good at. I got the “real world experience” I was always after - I didn’t realize that invaluable people, places, and lessons would come along with it.

Everyone’s situation is different, so I’m not sure if I really have solid advice to give on this topic. Here’s the best I’ve got: if you have been hopelessly trying to get an internship, don’t ever give up. With a bit of time, work, and patience, the right opportunity will find you. There is nothing in school that can teach you the things you could learn outside of the classroom.

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Sornberger presents her story as a writer

By **KLINE KAUFER**
Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 29, Dr. Judith Sornberger made a special return to Mansfield University. The presentation was funded by the department of English and Modern Languages. About 85 students attended the event as well as several faculty members and community members. Her presentation was held in the auditorium in Allen Hall.

She also taught a much smaller lesson in Lilace Guignard's "Intro to Poetry" class, where she talked about and had students write an ekphrastic poem. To those who may not know, an ekphrastic poem is a vivid description of a scene, or more commonly, a work of art.

She gave a presentation about her most recent book *The Accidental Pilgrim* and spoke about her spiritual pilgrimage to Italy. Sornberger also explained her relationship with the church, which she had renounced for 25 years. She was brought up in the Latter Day Saint tradition but now identifies herself as an "Episcopagan." This means she takes from both the Episcopalian faith and some pagan ones as well.

Besides her recent publication, Sornberger has had many accomplishments, including the inception and implementation of the Woman's Studies minor at Mansfield University 27 years ago and was a well-loved professor of creative writing. She is recently retired and enjoys writing at home full time. She has published non-fiction as well as poetic works.

Sornberger spoke of her husband's recent passing and ways she deals with her loss. She spoke of different forms of prayer, which may

include sewing, crafting and even writing. This is an interesting way of looking at hobbies. She claimed writing poems can be a form of deep connection with the divine. Dr. Sornberger spoke about her friend Katherine (who was present for the seminar) who teaches yoga in town and who goes on two silent meditation trips per year.

Sornberger ended the seminar by reading two poems from her book: *Now I Lay Me Down* which was about about God keeping the cancer in his bladder before it took his life. The second poem was called "You Couldn't Believe As I Did," which was about her journey back to Christianity and from her husband's point of view.

Sornberger made the statement, "It's great to be back but not having to grade papers." Dr. Sornberger was pleasant to listen to and it was fantastic to watch her speak of a subject she is so very passionate about.

Professor Lilace Guignard, a long time friend and colleague of Sornberger, said, "I know Judith because she lives in the area and we are in writing groups together. I knew her memoir was coming out during the semester when I'd be teaching Creative Nonfiction Prose Writing, and it's important to me to have guest writers come to classes."

"Her book combines several modes and techniques we have been studying--meditative, cultural commentary, travel writing, imagery, and humor--and does so very well. She came to the Creative Nonfiction class as well as my Introduction to Poetry class, and that's why I asked her to read some poems also on the topic she covers in her memoir. Students could think about the role of genre for the



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Sornberger was particularly inspired by depictions of the Virgin Mary when writing many of her poems.

writer who is not limited to one."

Despite the ease of genre blending and writing with a specific purpose, Sornberger had a daunting time trying to find the right publishing company. But, she was still able to continue publishing smaller sections of her works.

"It took over a decade for her to find the right publisher. In the meantime several chapters were published in literary journals," said Guignard.

Last year she saw that one of the fine arts presses she had been submitting work was

looking for book-length manuscripts.

"Shanti Arts loved her book and were willing to track down many of the paintings she writes about. The book includes beautiful full-color reproductions, which is very costly to do - most presses aren't going to take on a project like that," said Guignard.

Despite the long and winding journey, Shoenburg has used all her experience to fuel her writing - she is example of one who uses her every day perceptions to create something universal.

Crisp featured in Sycamore's fire side chat series

By **DEBBIE JENNINGS**
Business Manager

On Monday night, November 2, Sycamore hosted a Fireside Chat with Karen Crisp from the Academic Counseling department who will be teaching a Psychological Disorders course next semester. The Fireside Chat program, one of many implemented and soon-to-be implemented projects at Sycamore, was developed as a collaboration among Ben Auger, the Residence Director of Sycamore Hall, and Dr. Adrienne McEvoy of the Philosophy department.

The Fireside Chat program series is a component of the Great Conversations Honors Program, which has been newly redesigned by McEvoy, and is made possible by the sponsorship of PSECU. Every Monday night a faculty or staff member comes to Sycamore's multi-purpose room and chats with students in a very casual setting about various

topics students wish to speak about.

Staff and faculty who participate include professors requested by students, such as Dr. Chuck Hoy, who attended the Fireside Chat on the October 19. He talked extensively about his worldwide travel and work experiences, as well as some who volunteer their time to students outside the classroom. Provost Sicnolfi was the featured guest on the October 26 and talked about his work at NASA and hobbies. Students that attended were even able to wear an authentic Russian cosmonaut spacesuit that made it into space!

When asked about the expected outcome of the Fireside Chat, Auger said, "The goal is to show students that professionals are so much more than their positions. They are people too and have lives, dreams, aspirations and goals outside of work." The chats start around 7 p.m. and students are encouraged to come and go at will, or stick around to enjoy some free snacks and beverages. This time

allows students to informally talk with their professors and talk with them about a variety of topics with no pressure or lecturing.

On Monday night students asked Karen Crisp a variety of questions relating to her previous work experiences and her personal life. She revealed that she once attended Mansfield University and studied Home Economics as well as Psychology. She explained, "I lived in North Hall the last two years that it was a residence hall. We had balconies outside our rooms. We didn't have most of the luxuries that you have today, so we would put our food out on the balcony or windowsill to keep it cold."

She also told some other interesting stories, including about how she once saw John F. Kennedy while he was campaigning for the presidency. Conversations can generally go anywhere from stories about how a faculty or staff member ended up at Mansfield to discussing their favorite bands. Students can

leave the Fireside Chat with a better understanding of who their professors are outside of the University and some personal endeavors they have had to overcome.

All MU students from any residence hall—as well as commuters—are welcome to attend the event. They happen every Monday starting at 7 p.m. and last generally until 8 p.m., but students are welcome to come and go at their leisure.

Auger plans to continue the program into the spring semester and hopes that over time it will become a Sycamore Hall tradition. Students who are interested in attending can look forward to seeing other professors at Sycamore in the near future. Dr. Jonathan Rothermel will be the featured speaker on November 9, and Dr. Andrew Gaskievics on November 16. If any readers have any suggestions for speakers they'd like to see at the Fireside Chat, they are encouraged to email Ben Auger at bauger@mansfield.edu. If you are interested in learning more about the Great Conversations Honors Program please email Dr. Adrienne McEvoy at amcevoy@mansfield.edu.

Mounties look to end 2015 campaign with win

Fresh off a 27-0 win over Post University, the Mansfield University sprint football team will close out the 2015 campaign when the Mountaineers travel to Franklin Pierce this Saturday.

Kickoff is set for noon at Sodexo Field in Rindge, NH with live audio provided by Doug Page of ESPN Radio Williamsport with a link located at GoMounties.com. Both teams are coming off impressive wins after Mansfield blanked Post and Franklin Pierce beat Chestnut Hill 45-7.

Mansfield has been playing its best football of the season over the past two games, dropping a 16-13 thriller at Penn and beating Post. Mansfield's win was the Mountaineers' second shutout over a 32-game span and highlighted MU's CSFL-leading secondary with three interceptions, including two by Damarkus Jones, in the game.

The Mountaineers have picked off a league-leading and school-record 16 passes this season including at least one in every game. MU has eight interceptions alone over the past two games.

Freshman Aren Harris continues to be the workhorse for the Mountaineer offense rushing 35 times for 106 yards and a touchdown in the win over Post. Harris, the current CSFL rushing leader, broke the school single-season sprint record of 519-yards set by Michael Wallace in 2010. Harris now has 534 yards on the year with one game remaining in the season.

Mansfield used a pair of freshmen quarterbacks against Post with Adam

Hutchison taking the majority of the snaps and completing a season-best 10-of-16 passes for 165 yards. Senior Joe Bucek proved to be Hutchison's favorite receiver after pulling down a game-high five passes for 121 yards. Bucek, the Mountaineers all-time receiving yards leader, needs just 39 more yards to become the first to surpass the 1,000 yard career milestone.

Freshman kicker Drew Beckerink has developed into a formidable offensive threat booting four field goals over the past two games including a pair in the win over Post. A win over Franklin Pierce would give the Mountaineers their first three-win season since becoming a full-time CSFL member in 2009. Mansfield's offense, especially its young offensive line, has shown marked improvement over the past two games including a season-best 362-yard effort in total offense against Post.

While the offense has shown steady improvement, the defense has been the heart and soul of the team for the length of the season. Senior linebackers Spencer Underdown and John Capwell rank among the CSFL tackle leaders with 44 and 32 tackles respectively. A solid defensive line is anchored by sophomore Alex Nicolas with 30 stops and senior tackle Evan Ruggles with 32. Junior Jonathan Badman has 31 tackles while ranking fourth in the CSFL in passes defended (8). Jones (4), Kyle Post (3), Badman (3) and Brandon Pace (2) are among the interception leaders.

Special teams has proven to be a strength for Mansfield through the season. The



Photo courtesy of GOMOUNTIES.COM

Pictured above is freshman quarterback Adam Hutchinson who took the majority of the snaps.

Mountaineers rank first in the CSFL in punt returns, interceptions, and punting as well as third in both field goals and kickoff returns.

Franklin Pierce had the most impressive win in the CSFL this season when they beat Navy after dropping their first two games of the season to Penn and Cornell. The Ravens have won three of their last four games including last week's rout at Chestnut Hill to take a 3-3 record into Saturday's game. Franklin Pierce has a veteran squad that boasts 12 seniors including standouts

quarterback Derek Reddy and running back D.J. MacDonald. Reddy has completed 61-of-147 passes on the season for 657 yards and two touchdowns while also rushing for 126 yards. MacDonald is one of the league leaders with 384 yards on the ground and six touchdowns. Senior tight end Michael Holdridge has a team-best 14 catches for 212 yards. Sophomore placekicker Kyle Salucco has been almost perfect on the season hitting all 13 extra-point attempts while making 6 of 7 field goal attempts.

Mansfield's Meadows and Fox awarded by PSAC

The fabulous freshman duo of Delaney Meadows and Rachel Fox racked up the postseason awards today with Meadows being named PSAC Rookie of the Year and 2nd Team All-PSAC and Fox earning 1st Team All-PSAC honors.

The announcement was made by the conference office and released today. It marks the first time in program history that a Mansfield student-athlete has been named to Rookie of the Year honors. Mansfield is the only school to earn a major postseason award other than No. 5 Gannon who took home Athlete, Defensive Athlete and Coach of the Year accolades.

Fox's 1st Team selection is the first for a Mountaineer since Natalie Adams in 2008. She is the first freshman in program history to ever earn a 1st Team accolade. It's also the first time since 2009 that Mansfield has put two athletes on the All-PSAC list.

The selection is made even more impressive by the fact that since the PSAC moved

to a single division format in 2010, only 33 players are selected between first, second and third teams from a total of 17 programs.

Meadows earned Rookie of the Year and Second Team All-PSAC at forward after scoring a Mansfield single-season record 12 goals in 17 games. Meadows scored a goal in her first collegiate game against California before recording back-to-back hat tricks against IUP and Daemen. She was just the fourth player in program history to net a hat trick and the first to ever record two hat tricks in a career. Meadows went on to add five more goals throughout the season including the game-winner in the final 30 seconds against Millersville.

Meadows also added two assists to total another Mansfield single-season record with 26 points. She tied for second in the PSAC in goals (12) and goals per game (.706), ranked third for points per game (1.53), sixth in shots per game (3.12) and fifth in game-winning goals (3).

Fox took home 1st Team All-PSAC goal-

keeper honors after making 133 saves, which ranks third on the Mansfield single-season list. Fox had a stellar rookie year between the sticks, helping the Mountaineers to four wins and a tie including clean sheets against Pitt-Johnstown and Clarion. She totaled four games of 10 or more saves including an in-

credible 17-save effort to help Mansfield to a 3-2 win over Millersville. Her 17 saves is the fourth most in a game for a Mansfield keeper. Fox ranked third in the conference in saves per game at 7.82. She started all 17 games this season, totaling 1,488 minutes in goal.



Meadows left, Fox right. Photo courtesy of GOMOUNTIES.COM

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MacMillen speaks on coping with PTSD

By CHEYANNE YOUSE
Staff Writer

Sean MacMillen came to Mansfield University to speak about his experiences with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to a crowded Room 104, Allen Hall, on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Sean MacMillen is a former member of the United States army. He was deployed to Afghanistan 3 times and served in active duty for 12 years.

He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and on a fast track in the army. He considered himself "trained to kill."

While in the army he developed PTSD. He didn't come home from Afghanistan the same – the disorder completely drained his pride and ego. He forgot what was important. Things such as family and his own mental health didn't even matter to him anymore.

Not only did he suffer from PTSD, but he suffered from alcohol problems as well. Drowning in a bottle was his way of coping and forgetting about everything. "We are all wired differently and have unique ways of coping," said MacMillen. He didn't realize the effects alcohol was having on not only him, but his family as well.

His family eventually became afraid of him. He would become easily frustrated and angry. He lost his cool and didn't know how to pull himself together. He had a very low self-esteem and had feelings of hopelessness and worthlessness.

It eventually got to the point where he wanted to go back overseas to Afghanistan. He felt more comfortable, trusted the people, and felt like he had unfinished business. However, he wasn't able to do that.



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L - R : Zach Jockel, Dustin Ackley, Sean MacMillen, Jesse Olson, and Harlie Wise

He ended up landing a job teaching ROTC at Kutztown University. Unfortunately, that job didn't last very long. He was arrested for too many DUIs and sat in jail for 10 months.

"Going to jail was probably the one thing that saved my life," said MacMillen.

He finally realized that he didn't want to continue going down the same path he was going. "Hanging out with my best friend Jack Daniels was not a healthy coping mechanism," he said.

After he realized that he needed to change, he started doing things that would eventually lead to a more positive life. He started talking to people. He went to 4 different alcohol rehabs and learned that talking to people actually helps. Other people are there to share that burden. It made him feel vulner-

able, but that helped him heal. "Vulnerability ultimately builds better relationships."

He started running and exercising as a new coping mechanism. Sean suggests that people should exercise at least one hour a day. "It's only 4% of the day. Make the time and don't make excuses."

Sean still struggles with PTSD, but on a much smaller scale. He is now doing a lot better, and is helping other people with similar issues.

Helping others has been part of his healing process.

He graduated from Lock Haven University in May with a Master's of Science in Clinical Health Counseling. He is currently working at Keystone Counseling as a Counselor/Therapist.

It was a long, hard journey for him, but he pulled through and came out on top. He stated,

"The hardest thing I have ever had to do in my life was crawl out of that bottle." He took responsibility for what he could control. He believes, "You are only responsible for what you can control. What can you control? You. That's it."

He paid attention to his own needs and feelings and immersed himself in life. He had to do something different if he was going to change his life. A phrase that MacMillen absolutely despises is "YOLO." He believes, "You only die once. You live everyday".

Sean said, "I will take all of the physical pain you can dish out, but not mental pain."

He defines mental resilience as: "how you handle life's difficulties and hardships without going over the edge." He ended with saying, "Once I felt better physically, I felt better mentally."

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Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

Actors, singers, dancers wanted to be a part of the MU production of Shrek The Musical. Auditions Sunday, November 29, 6:30pm, Monday, November 30, 6:30pm Butler Center Room 163. For audition information: <http://www.mansfield.edu/theatre/performances/shrek-the-musical.cfm>. Dr. Sheryl Monkelin; smonkeli@mansfield.edu; 662-4712. Butler Center 104

Essential Oils Make and Take December 2nd 6PM. 307 Alumni Email adelozier@mansfield.edu

Mansfield University Music Department presents the Holiday Choral Concerts "O Wondrous Mystery" featuring Women's Choir, Men's Choir, Chamber Singers, Festival Chorus, and Concert Choir. Friday & Saturday, Decmber 4 & 5 at 7:30pm. Sunday, December 6 at 2:30pm Steadman Theatre Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 seniors \$5 students & children All people with MU Id are admitted free of charge depending upon ticket availability. Call 570-662-4710 for reservations or purchase tickets directly at: music.mansfield.edu/events

Foam Party December 4th 2015 Kelchner Fitness Center 9pm-1am

This is the last issue of *The Flashlight* for the semester. Thank you for continuing to read our paper.

And as always, feel free to send us your info-to-go!

POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**

11/5- On the above date and time, Officer's found Shkira Lyons and Avery Wright to be in possession of Alcohol on University Property. Alcohol was confiscated and both were judicially referred.

11/1- On the above date and time campus police were dispatched to the above location for a possible alcohol overdose. Upon arrival police found the above individual to be semi responsive and under the influence of alcohol. KARAFFA will be charged with underage consumptions and judicially referred.

10/31- On the above date and time, the Mansfield University Police were called to Hickory Hall, room 155, by Residence Life personnel with regard to an alcohol violation. Upon arrival, evidence of illegal possession and consumption was observed, and the above individuals were found to have consumed alcohol, for which they will be referred to campus judicial authorities, and for which they will also be issued summary violation citations.

10/26- Student came into the police department and reported that during check weekend the student had a bag of clothes taken out of her cart. The value of the clothing is placed at approximately \$200.00.

10-14-15- Police Received a report of a chalkboard being removed from a 4th floor dormitory entrance door in Spruce Dormitory.

10/13- On the above date and time the 2 individuals above were seen by a individual removing items from the cooler and leaving without paying for the items. Both individuals have been judicially referred.

10/13- On above date and time unknown person(s) scratched that back door a vehicle while it was parked in B-Lot. Anyone with information is asked to contact campus police.

10/11- At approximately 0126 hours, this station received a call for a possibly intoxicated female in the lobby of Spruce Manor. Molly Balliet was found to be under the influence of alcohol and that she resides in another dorm on campus. Molly was cited for underage consumption and referred judicially.

9/27- On the above date and time an individual came into the police department and reported that unknown individual(s) removed a box of laundry soap pods from the 4th floor of Spruce. Value is approximately \$6.00 to \$10.00. Anyone with information is asked to conact campus police.

McGraw speaks on fracking, writing, and the craft of story

By **KLINE KAUFER**
Staff Writer

Seamus McGraw, gave a presentation at The Hut about the dangers of fracking and talked about his newest book *Betting The Farm On A Drought: Stories From The Front Lines of Climate Change* on Thursday, November 12.

The presentation began at 6:30 p.m. for those in Professor Lilace Guignard's Intro to Poetry Writing and Creative Non-Fiction classes. This period was for the small audience to gain information as well as background on Seamus McGraw.

Seamus McGraw is an American journalist (he claimed he wasn't sure if he was a journalist anymore) and author who has written for *Playboy*, *Reader's Digest*, *Huffington Post*, *Radar* and *The Forward*.

He has received the Freedom of Information Award from the Associated Press as well as Honors from the Casey Foundation and the Society of Professional Journalists. McGraw is married with four children and resides in northeastern Pennsylvania.

He started this small presentation out by giving his cell phone number, home phone number and his email address for anyone to contact him. He let us know that we can use him at our disposal and he would be available 24/7.

At 7:00, when the main event started,

The Hut was packed, with at least 100 people.

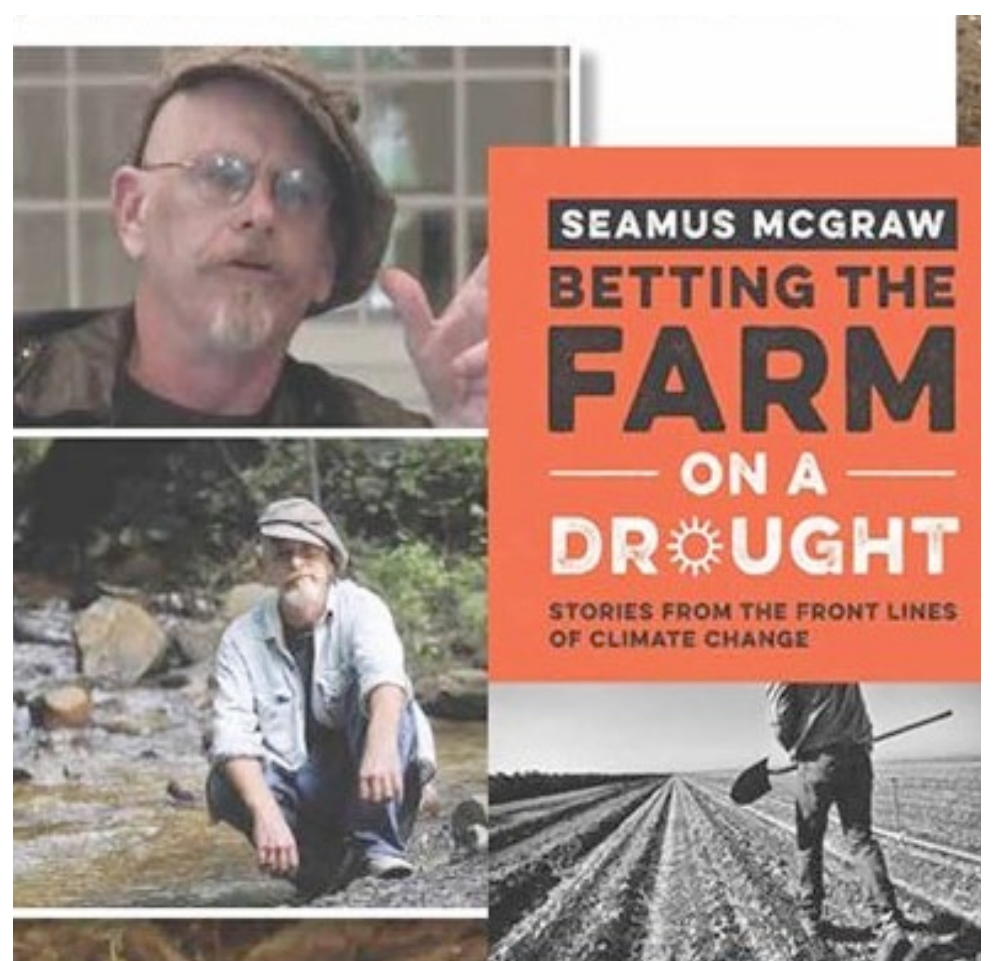
McGraw discussed the "act of creation when painting on rocks" that occurred several thousand years ago; which brought up his admiration for Carolyn Boyd who has a Ph.D in Archaeology. When he talked to her, he taped the entire conversation, which was 114 pages long. He transcribed every page and every time he reads or listens to it, he learns something new.

McGraw spoke highly of a farmer in Cairo, Illinois named Ethan Cox. McGraw emphasized that farmer's know their land better than any meteorologist. For example, in late 2012 a meteorologist wrongly predicted a drought.

Cox stated, "you would never see the drought coming in early March." He knew this because of the way the snow fell. If Cox was wrong, he would have lost it all.

Much of the presentation that Seamus McGraw gave reminded me of the movie *Promised Land* which stars Matt Damon. It is about the natural gas industry coming into Pennsylvania and the farmers enduring will to stop it and protect their land.

Seamus McGraw gave a wonderful presentation and said many things I agree with such as separating science and faith and one of the best quotes I have ever heard, "There is no wall between the writer and reader."



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Besides being a writer, McGraw is an avid motorcyclist.

MU Concert Choir Returns from Pennsylvania Tour

Traveling and bringing choral music to audiences outside of Tioga County is not a new experience for members of the Mansfield University Concert Choir.

The ensemble has crossed the Atlantic Ocean seven times since 1996 to bring the Mansfield choral sound to European audiences, performing in cathedrals and concert halls—as well as less formal venues, competing at the World Choir Games and other contests, and in turn winning championships internationally and returning with gold medals and other trophies to the shores of the Tioga River.

This year, the award-winning Choir's goals seem to be more modest, geographically. The group just returned from a performance tour of several sites in Pennsylvania, including Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove where the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Fall Conference took place on Oct. 30-31.

The Concert Choir also traveled to Philadelphia to participate in a Mass on All Saints Day, November 1, and give a full concert a few hours later in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints

Peter and Paul on Logan Square—the same church that hosted Pope Francis just a few weeks ago.

Then the group moved on to work with choirs from North Penn High School in Lansdale, PA and Boyertown High School nearby to sing and conduct workshops for the next generation of college students.

"Touring in the USA is not unusual for the Mansfield University Concert Choir," Peggy Dettwiler, Concert Choir Director and director of Choral Activities, said. "In fact, we have been present in the Northeast of our country for quite some time, even venturing to San Antonio, Texas, nine years ago."

For the current academic year, plans are underway to present interest sessions at the ACDA-Eastern Division in Boston, MA in February, swing by New York City to perform at Marble Collegiate Church on Fifth Avenue, and, a little later, to head for a trip to the country's Midwest: Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

"Singing in the Overture Center in Madison, Wisconsin, one of the great concert halls in the world—comparable to Carnegie Hall,

will most certainly be one of the highpoints for the Mansfield University Concert Choir this year," Dettwiler said.

The choir was invited to Susquehanna University with six other choral groups from Pennsylvania, including ensembles from Penn State University, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania State University, Poquessing Middle School, and Concordia, a community ensemble from Chester County.

The performances in Stretansky Hall, named after Cyril M. Stretansky a legendary choral director at Susquehanna who is a 1957 Mansfield graduate, were a testimony to the high level of choral culture in the Commonwealth. Not only did the MU Concert Choir perform for convention attendees, they also were able to experience choirs of all age levels, their repertory, and comportment. The convention also featured an honors choir for high school students and another for collegiate singers.

Performing in Philadelphia's Cathedral Basilica must count among the high points of this year's choral events. The cathedral

on Logan Square built in the middle of the nineteenth century is one of the largest in the United States, even though it is dwarfed now by surrounding skyscrapers. The reverberant spaces of the sanctuary were ideal for the Concert Choir in presenting their pieces.

Particularly striking was the rendition of a 13th-century Italian Lauda with the choir standing in the aisles to "envelop" the audience with a surround sound. The text made reference to St. Francis of Assisi, the current pope's namesake paying tribute to Pope Francis's recent visit to the church a few weeks ago.

Other performances that stood out were *O Salutaris Hostia* by Eriks Esenvalds, a contemporary Latvian composer, and the *Spiritual I've been in the storm so long*, featuring Sarah Polinski and Cassie Zinkan as well as Victoria Nance as soloists. At the end, a standing ovation rewarded the choristers for their excellence.

To learn more about the Concert Choir and studying music at Mansfield, go to music.mansfield.edu

SGA making preparations for upcoming semester

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
Editor-in-Cheif

Tyree Andrews was appointed new PR Director at the November 10 SGA meeting.

“[These candidates] made it very hard to decide on just one person, but I admire the passion you will spoke with for SGA,” said SGA Pressident, Brett Helmus, prior to Andrews recommendation.

Despite just being appointed, Andrews has taken the PR committee to task and has reestablished their normal meetings.

At the next SGA meeting newly appointed Andrews informally suggested SGA create and maintain a Snapchat account as well as creating updated brochures and flyers pertaining to SGA.

SGA still needing a replacement advisor for Dr. Christopher Bridges. Their list of possible advisors for consideration has grown to five possible people. These are: Dr. Jonathan Rothermel, Dr. Adrienne McAvoy, Rita Dibble, Alan Zellner, and Dr. Jeffrey Bosworth.

“These are just our suggestions. Even though we heavily influence the selection of

our new advisor with our testimony, Mansfield University President, Francis Hendricks, has the ultimate say,” said Brett Helmus.

SGA’s Foam Party has been confirmed for December 4, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

“Because of Steve’s [Plesac] master negotiating we were able to come up with an extra \$750 – hadn’t he negotiated with the foam company we wouldn’t have saved so much,” said SGA vice president, Marquise Isaac-Rivers.

SGA moved that the extra \$750 will be put towards decorations for the event.

The newly formed Assessment Committee will be devising a questionnaire to assure the continuance or cancelation of the foam party for future semesters. The assessment committee and other SGA members met with Sycamore’s Resident Director, Ben Auger, to discuss a program that can create an event calendar that will grant students easy access and application, but also help the Assessment Committee track attendance. The program is contractual, and can be paid for 1, 3, or 5 years.

As of the November 10 meeting, SGA’s account balances are: \$172,166.67 COF, and \$125,164.45 SGA.



SGA will be holding its last meeting after Thanksgiving break on December 1. If you would like more info on SGA, please stop by their office during office hours, their meetings on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 307, or by email at sga@mansfield.edu.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20 -11:30 AM-1:00 PM United Campus Ministry's Chow with the Chaplains -6:00-9:00 PM MISO Ball -9:00 PM OFF BEAT CINEMA	21 -9:30 AM- 12:00 PM Admissions Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital Open House -10:00 PM Saturday Night- DJ Dance Party	22 - 1:00-3:00 PM Strengths Sunday with McEvoy - 2:30-4:30 PM Concert Wind Ensemble and Orchestra Concert	23 - 7:00-9:00 PM Fire-side Chats with MU Faculty - 7:30-9:00 PM Student Composer's Recital	24 -6:00-7:00 PM United Campus Ministry Bible Study - 9:00-11:00 PM Tuesdsy Night (Weekly) Team Trivia	25 - Thanksgiving Holiday- No classes -11:20-1:00 PM United campus Ministry's Chow with the Chaplains	26 - 5:00-6:00 PM Catholic Student Association Meeting - 9:00-11:30 PMThursday Night Live
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The Kayaking Club's Facebook page has 111 likes. You can find it here <https://www.facebook.com/MUKayakClub/?fref=photo>.

By **MATT JENNINGS**
Staff Writer

When asked, "What outdoor activities do you do at Mansfield?" most people reply with hiking, cycling, hunting, and whatnot. But those people are completely forgetting about all the fun that can be had on the water at Mansfield!

Luckily, there is a group on campus dedicated to exploring the water. These intrepid adventurers call themselves the Mansfield University Kayaking Club.

The Kayaking Club is currently led by faculty advisor Debbie Dom and club president Heather Thomas, a senior Geo-Science student.

She explained that the club is student led but also has several members from the Mansfield community participating in it as well. Sometimes people even bring children as young as 6 to club meetings (which take place at the Decker pool) to expose them to being in a boat on the water. The club also has a member who can't swim. But, "That's what practice and life jackets are for," said Thomas.

The Kayaking Club typically goes on

one kayaking trip a semester while the more experienced members of the club go on several more as they are invited to them. Thomas has been on 3 such trips so far this semester.

The club also meets up with friends of members in different parts of the state to go on trips as one big group. Some of the areas the members, both individually and as a club, have kayaked include the Lower Youghiogheny River, Pine Creek, the Black Moshannon, Slippery Rock, and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

The Kayaking Club is also tireless in its work with the community. For service projects they volunteer at the Hills Creek Tryathlon and help set up for Earth Day. The club invites anyone interested in getting out on the water, be they students, alumni, or community members.

The Kayaking Club meets on Sundays at the Decker pool at 5:30 p.m. and anyone interested is encouraged to bring a swim suit or change of clothes in case they get wet. For more information about the club you can contact Heather Thomas at thomashr11@mounties.mansfield.edu



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Magic is one of the world's most popular card games and is played by millions worldwide.

By **MATT JENNINGS**
Staff Writer

With the right amount of motivation and plenty of hard work, a student on Mansfield campus can do most anything. That's the story of M.U.T.T. - the Mansfield University Table Top.

If you haven't heard of MUTT, it may be because it was just officially founded this semester. MUTT was founded as a place for people with like interests in table top gaming to have a safe, judgement free place to enjoy themselves while playing their favorite games. Referring to the club's conception, current President of the club Alan Mann said, "We wanted somewhere to play these games so we made one."

While not currently receiving funding, (some paperwork still needs to be done) MUTT is an officially recognized organization on campus with over thirty active members. Games the club members play include Magic: The Gathering, Cards Against Humanity, HeroClix, Tabletop RPG's, such as Dungeons

and Dragons and Pathfinder, and of course mainstays of the millennial generation's childhood such as Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokemon.

As a brand new club, MUTT has only held one event, a Magic tournament won by Alan Mann, but they plan to become much more involved on campus. Some planned events include training beginners in games they may not have any experience in.

MUTT is dedicated to following campus policies. And as such they will not condone or tolerate gambling of any kind during their games and tournaments. Their mantra is "Education first, Respect, Anti-Bullying." Club Vice President Sean (Goldie) Bergold summed the atmosphere of the club as "We want to have a very comfortable, family atmosphere in our group. Some members have been bullied in the past and we look to incorporate anyone into our group."

For more information on MUTT feel free to contact them on Facebook or email at bergolds31@mounties.mansfield.edu

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Concern for organizational involvement at MU

By **NICK HARTRANFT**
Editor-in-Chief

To the disappointment and joy of some, this will be my last issue of The Flashlight as editor-in-chief. What a short, but sometimes seemingly long, ride it has been. It is hard to sum it up in words - but here we go.

To all the staff from this semester, even those who dropped off the face of the earth as the semester went on, I say thank you. I've gotten to know a lot of you much better. You all brought me joy when I read your stories or when you would hang out and help me in the office on production nights as I shouted at these damned outdated hunk-of-junk Macs.

I am also astounded and proud that we have a students a wide-array of majors who all understand the impor-

tance of maintaining this newspaper. And now, the part where I scold some others.

The thing they kept me up pacing around my living room, or slumped at my desk in The Flashlight office was this financial crisis we were in earlier this semester.

I know I shouldn't harp on this. We got our money after all. Well, that wasn't why I was so upset.

In those moments, I understood that many people couldn't care less about this paper.

My problem was never with SGA, my problem was always with how many students look at our organizations (both us and SGA alike) as gold fish in a bowl. Some fodder for social media or worse, you don't even see us!

I've talked to a lot of organization

presidents and they all say the same thing - their organizations go from 20 people to 5 of their close friends by the end of the semester. This needs to change. It's no wonder so much has been threatened to be cut from this college in the 2 years I've been here. Students barely have a pulse on the community at large (frankly, I wish the newspaper's could be broader sometimes.)

When I started my college career at Northampton Community College I was surrounded by about 15-20 journalists, and all of us hung out and it was a merry time. I remember my first story about the ancient Indian art of Kolam (an exhibit they were showing there) and how much I absolutely sucked. But I learned to do what I do now. I picked myself up and just kept writing. Sometimes I still am bad at what I do. But at least I keep going.

Our publication there (The Commuter) was monthly, and never did we consider ourselves on the fringes of the community or in immanent danger of being shut down by those too apathetic, bitter, or ignorant. Most faculty and staff knew who we were and some even sought us out to cover their events. Not here.

This isn't a huge article stating why you should join the newspaper or why you should hold SGA accountable for every travesty in human history. This is an article saying students need to wake up and do something besides Netflix and chill (or whatever unproductive vice you have).

I also found it funny when others would point out our errors we made in the paper. To them I say, the masthead can be found on the right here - I don't see your name on it. Criticism is impotent if you don't do anything to mend what is wrong. Same applies to SGA.

So enough with the scolding, here is some good news again.

We have enough of a bud-



get to continue for the academic year, and it seems like some other organizations are getting some drips and drabs of the spoils as well. Also, the leaders of these campus organizations are some of the most hardworking and overall pleasant people you could ever meet.

I can't count how many positive emails I got from organization presidents that were both intelligent and warm. These students love what they do and are good at it. But they all need help reaching out to those students who would rather be tourists at their own school. Not much more I can do besides keep writing in here about how involved everyone should be.

Some of the changes we hoped to implement at The Flashlight came to fruition - we now have a semi-active Facebook, 2 new designs from The Art and Design Guild, which I hope the next editor-in-chief will unveil next semester, we sold more ads this semester than any of the previous I had been on staff, and we are repairing our reputation both as a more dependable news source and are more visible as students who generally care about this community. And for that, I can't be more proud of this staff.

We also have some big plans in the works too. I am hoping to get the ball rolling for media organizations

to be funded under the MOU, so no student interested in any of these organization will ever have to question their validity within the community.

I also hope to get more news stands for our print publication. Our "guerilla" tactic of putting it on tops of trash cans, abandoned desks, and common area tables doesn't show that we take ourselves seriously (not too much though) and care about the product we produce for all of you.

Perhaps the last and one of the most important changes I want to happen for the paper is a larger collaboration from all students. It would be easy for professors and organization leaders to incentivise writing for the paper. I hope some see this article and think "that wouldn't be a bad idea, I'll build that into my class or meeting."

In the words of my NCC journalism professor, "News writing is playing with live ammunition." I can't downplay the satisfaction of producing something that so many can read, wrap their fish in, do art projects on, or talk about.

So here's to the future of all the Mansfield organizations - hope this helped in some tiny way.

Eeny Meeny Miny School

by Dan Mason

High school seniors across the state and around the country find picking a college confusing. To help them, PASSHE Chancellor Frank Brogan turned to Hogwarts and asked Headmistress Minerva McGonagall for a spell to help American teens select the most appropriate school for their post secondary education.

Professor McGonagall consulted the past headmasters whose pictures hung in her office and came up with the exercise below.

Chancellor Brogan was delighted with the logic problem until he filled in the grid and tried to find the answer. He checked across the puzzle and down the puzzle. He checked the diagonals. He could not figure out what Professor McGonagall was trying to tell him. He sent the puzzle to the presidents of his 14 state schools and only one person was able to find the solution. President Hendricks sent the blank grid back to Chancellor Brogan with four boxes colored appropriately. That's when Brogan found the solution, and a bonus.

Use the following letters to fill in the grid: SMILE FAN D

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Text Techy: Coding and Updating

I am interested in computer programming. What are some online resources out there that could help a beginner like me? There are plenty of different websites that will help you learn the basics of a language or just become more familiar with coding in general.

One of the best places to start is CodeAcademy.com. This site is written by volunteers, so it might be a little buggy at times, but it provides interactive, step-by-step tutorials. Its mission is to make coding more accessible. It is heavily involved with Year of Code, an independent, non-profit campaign to encourage people across the world to try coding. They cover mostly web programming and APIs (application programming languages).

Once you feel comfortable and want to dig deeper and in more subjects, monthly paid subscriptions to sites like Treehouse.com (\$25/50), CodeSchool.com (\$29), and Lynda.com (\$25/35) are great choices and top rated.

These sites have video libraries of a wide range of subjects taught by teachers and experts in the field. The more expensive option with these site prove downloadable content or files to help learn the material. Another web site that is helpful for learning programming provides cheap alternatives to programming

PSECU financial corner: The many benefits of PSECU

By EMILY SHOSH
Staff Writer

Think all financial institutions are the same? They're not! A credit union is fundamentally different from a bank. A credit union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative. They are organized and operated to benefit their members. Because they're not-for-profit, earnings are returned to members through low- or no-fee services, loan low rates and generally higher rates on deposits.

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When should I update my computer to a newer operating system? First, it's a good idea to check out the specifications of the new operating system to see if your computer/laptop can handle the new requirements. Second, before even thinking of updating, make sure all your data is backed up on another device or online.

After these two preliminary steps, it's up to you. Most corporations wait for what is called a service release to come out. Although, they aren't calling it one, Microsoft just released a major update to Windows 10 a few days ago. Basically, it's a lot of patches and fixes to the software that makes the new release more stable or provides additional features not in the initial release.

If you like to play with the latest and greatest as soon as it comes out, stick to the Release Candidate and avoid the Alpha or Beta releases. Unless of course you like to provide free quality testing for software companies

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Make it in the Microwave

By JESI VANCE
Flashlight Contributor

There are times when you get the munchies but don't want to walk all the way down to Manser. Or it's 3 a.m. and you just HAVE to have something to nibble. Here are a couple of easy microwave recipes that might stave off impending starvation until breakfast. (TB = Tablespoons, TS = Teaspoons). All microwave times may need adjusted, depending on your particular microwave.

Potato Chips – Crispy, crunchy potato chips out of the microwave? You bet! And with only 3 ingredients, you can almost convince yourself these are a healthy snack. Well, healthy enough, right?

Ingredients:
5-6 medium sized Yukon Gold or red potatoes, unpeeled, scrubbed – (Try not to use Russet. Russet will make your chips rather bland)
Ingredients:
2 teaspoons or so of extra-virgin olive oil*
1/2 teaspoon salt
Cooking spray

Instructions:
Slice potatoes into 1/8-inch rounds for thicker potato chips. For thinner ones, use a mandolin to cut very thin slices. Toss slices in a medium bowl with oil and salt to coat evenly.
Coat a large microwave-proof plate with cooking spray. Arrange some potato slices in a single layer on the plate. Microwave, uncovered, on High until some slices start to brown, 2 to 3 minutes (depending upon potato thickness and microwave power). Turn slices over (they will be hot, so use a fork) and continue microwaving until they start to crisp and brown around the edges, about 35 seconds for very thin potato slices to 2 to 4 minutes for thicker slices. Check frequently and rearrange slices as needed to prevent scorching. Transfer chips to another plate and allow to cool completely. (They will crisp up more as they cool.) Repeat process with remaining slices.

Storage: Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days
*The "Extra Virgin" in the olive oil means that it was pressed using no heat in the process. Heating the oil as you press it results in more oil per press, as well as removes the inherent bitterness from the oil. While this might seem like a good thing, it allows olive oil producers to use inferior olives. Stick to Extra Virgin to ensure you are getting the best quality.

Microwave Mac and Cheese – Serving Size – 1. Tell your roommate to make their own.

Ingredients:
1/2 cup macaroni or shell pasta
1/2 cup water
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup milk
1/4 to 1/2 cup shredded cheese (Any cheese or mix a couple. It's all up to you)
Extra optional add-ins: diced vegetables, shredded or cubed cooked meat, cubed tofu, salsa, dried mustard, chili powder

Instructions:
Combine the pasta, water, and salt in a microwave-safe bowl.
Microwave the pasta for 2 minutes: Microwave on high power for 2 minutes, then stir. Watch to see if the water is foaming over the side of the bowl and stir sooner if needed. Use oven mitts or a kitchen towel if you need to move the bowl out of the microwave to do this.
Continue microwaving in 2-minute intervals until the pasta is cooked. Stir between each interval and continue microwaving until the pasta is soft and cooked through. This should take 4 to 8 minutes total, depending on your microwave strength. If the pasta absorbs all the water before the pasta is cooked, add another 2 tablespoons of water.
Stir the milk and cheese into the pasta. Bowl will be HOT! Stir in the milk, cheese, and any extra add-ins.
Microwave in 30-second intervals to melt the cheese: Microwave on high power for 30 seconds, and stir. Continue microwaving in 30-second intervals, stirring between each interval, until the cheese has melted and forms a creamy sauce. This should take 1 to 1 1/2 minutes total. For a creamier sauce, add an extra tablespoon or two of milk and cheese.

Eat immediately: This mac and cheese is best when piping hot from the microwave. If you need to reheat it, add an extra splash of milk.

Mansfield Men Open 2015-16 Campaign at West Liberty this Weekend for Charles and Lavoo Crutchfield Classic

MANSFIELD – The Mansfield University men's basketball team will open the 2015-16 season this Saturday when the Mountaineers take on host and No. 3 ranked West Liberty in the opening round of the Charles and Lavoo Crutchfield Classic.

Mansfield will take on host West Liberty in the tournament's opening round at 6 p.m. Saturday. The Mountaineers play Notre Dame College (OH) starting at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Live stats and a video stream of both games will be available at GoMounties.com.

Mansfield enters the season under the direction of interim head coach Pat Zipfel. The 15-year NBA veteran faces a challenging early season schedule, including Saturday's season opening game against the No. 3 ranked team in NCAA Division II, with perhaps the youngest Mountaineer team in a decade.

While it looks to be a season of challenges, including moving the offense from an inside to an outside game, there will also be some familiar faces.

Zipfel will have a young, but somewhat experienced, team to work with featuring just one senior and two upperclassmen on the roster.

Thomas Moore (Philadelphia/Globe Tech), the only senior on the team, returns at point guard where he has already been selected as a Preseason All-PSAC East selection by the conference head coaches after averaging 14.7 points and ranking third in the conference in assists last season. One of the premier players in the conference, Moore scored in double-figures in 14 of 19 games last season with two double-doubles over the last three games of the year.

Moore will be joined in the front-court by sophomore shooting guard Andreas Katopodis (Lefkada, Greece/Lee Academy). Last season the native of Greece started 25 games as a freshman for the Mountaineers, twice earning PSAC East Freshman of the Week honors. He scored in double-figures seven times during the course of the season and topped the team in 3-pointers with 44.

Da'Quan Jones (Philadelphia/Universal Audenried) also returns at guard where he made 10 starts in 23 games as a freshman last season. Jones is an athletic player who averaged 5.0 points per game and recorded a double-double against California with 11 rebounds and 19 points.

Fellow sophomore Eric Lewis Jr. (Philadelphia/Carver) also saw starting action at guard as a freshman last season where he appeared in 22 games including nine starts.

Lewis averaged 2.7 points per game as a freshman and was also an effective rebounder pulling down 36 boards on the year.

Matt Tamasosky (Camp Hill, Pa./Cumberland Valley) is a rugged inside player who averaged 1.9 points over 16 games as a freshman in 2014-15. An excellent shooter who made 71% of his attempts last season, Tamasosky will be counted on to become a dependable rebounder and defensive player this year. The sophomore has been the team's leading scorer in preseason exhibition games including a 17 point effort against NCAA Division I St. Bonaventure.

Named the team's Most Improved Player, the Mountaineers have great expectations for sophomore Balla Thiam (North Bergen, N.J./North Bergen) this year. As a freshman, Thiam showed improvement throughout the season scoring a season-best 10 points against West Chester and starting four games. His continued development will be key for the Mountaineers success this season.

Also displaying improvement throughout his freshman season was hard-working Gerasimos Koutoufas (Glyfada, Greece/Suffield Academy). Although appearing in a limited amount of games last year, Koutoufas is expected to play a contributing role inside for the Mountaineers.

Mansfield will need to replace 62% of its scoring from last season and 64% of its rebounding with returning players and newcomers including freshman Joe Marshall (Harrisburg, Pa./Susquehanna Township), Seth Chisholm (Philadelphia/Atlantic Christian) and Joel Miller (Towanda, Pa./Towanda).

West Liberty has been one of the premier programs in NCAA Division II for the past decade posting a 300-53 overall record under head coach Jim Crutchfield over the last 11 seasons including seven NCAA berths and six conference championships. The Hilltoppers averaged more than 100 points per game and return All-American Seger Bonifant who led the nation in 3-point fields and 3-point field goal percentage hitting a remarkable 52.2% of his attempts.

Notre Dame College (OH) went 16-14 over last season and return four starters from that team including senior guard Tyree Gaiter who was named to preseason All-American honors.

Mansfield will host Millersville in the Mountaineer's home opener on Wednesday, November, 18.



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Sophomore Eric Lewis Jr averaged 2.7 points per game last year

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Mansfield's Own "Comeback Kid" Receives Award

The Mansfield University Council of Trustees honored student-athlete Ashley Inman at their regular bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 18.

Ralph Meyer, chairman of the Council of Trustees, presented a citation to Inman, a senior Education major from Tunkhannock, PA, and praised her courage, determination and dedication in returning to the softball diamond and the classroom after undergoing emergency brain surgery.

One week prior to the start of her junior year in 2014, Inman underwent emergency brain surgery hours after doctors discovered a bleed on her brain was pushing her brain into her skull. She returned to school in time to play her junior season and was the winning pitcher in 75 percent of MU's victories in 2015.

On September 28, Inman was presented with the ECAC Award of Valor which recognizes an exceptional student-athlete whose courage, motivation and relentless determination serves as an inspiration to all.



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Ashley Inman is presented with the ECAC Award of Valor.

The citation reads, "The Council of Trustees of Mansfield University of Pennsylvania congratulates Ashley Inman as the recipient of the prestigious ECAC

Award of Valor and an outstanding ambassador for Mansfield University, Ashley has instilled a sense of pride throughout the University community

and beyond."

Inman's story is chronicled in the video "The Comeback Kid" on the MU Athletics YouTube channel.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
20	21 -Men's Basketball vs Slippery Rock University 3:00 PM -Women's basketball vs Millersville University 5:30 PM	22 -Men's basketball vs Edinboro University 3:00 PM -Women's basketball vs Edinboro University 1:00 PM	23	24 Women's basketball vs Penn State-Harrisburg 6:00 PM	25	26
27	28 -Men's basketball vs Penn State Brandywine 3:00 PM -Women's basketball vs Penn State Brandywine 2:00 PM	29 -Men's basketabll vs Alfred State College 3:00 PM	30	1 -Men's basketball vs Lock Haven University 7:30 PM -Women's basketball vs Lock Haven University 5:30 PM	2	3